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## Scientist: N. Korea enrichment program ongoing since 1990s

By R. JEFFREY SMITH  
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*The Washington Post*

North Korea has constructed a plant to manufacture a gas needed for uranium enrichment, according to a previously unpublicized account by the father of Pakistan's atomic bomb program, a development that indicates Pyongyang opened a second way to build nuclear weapons as early as the 1990s.

Pakistani scientist Abdul Qadeer Khan also said that North Korea may have been enriching uranium on a small scale by 2002, with "maybe 3,000 or even more" centrifuges, and that Pakistan helped the country with vital machinery, drawings and technical advice for at least six years.

North Korea's nuclear program is among the world's most opaque, and Khan's account could not be independently corroborated. But one U.S. intelligence official and a U.S. diplomat said his information adds to their suspicions that North Korea has long pursued the enrichment of uranium in addition to making plutonium for bombs, and may help explain Pyongyang's assertion in September that it is in the final stages of such enrichment.

Khan's account of the pilot plant, which he says North Korea built without help, is included in a narrative that depicts relations between the two countries' scientists as exceptionally close for nearly a decade.

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ALEX BRANDON/AP

President Barack Obama addresses the media in Hawaii Monday about the Christmas Day attack on a U.S. airliner.

## Al-Qaida claims plot to down plane

By EILEEN SULLIVAN  
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*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said Monday he has ordered a review of the nation's watchlist system and of its air safety regulations following a Christmas Day attack on a U.S. airliner. As an al-Qaida group claimed responsibility for the assault, the president said he has directed his national security team to keep up the pressure on those overseas who aim to attack the U.S.

"It's absolutely critical that we learn from this incident and take the necessary measures to pre-

vent future acts of terrorism," Obama said in his first public remarks since the attack on the Detroit-bound airliner.

The group al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula claimed responsibility for the attempt to bring down the jet, saying the attack was retaliation for a U.S. operation against the group in Yemen.

"We do not yet have all the answers about this latest attempt, but those who would slaughter innocent men, women and children must know that the United States will ... do more than simply strengthen our defenses," Obama said.

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# Okinawan sentenced for hit-and-run crash

By DAVID ALLEN  
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*Stars and Stripes*

CHATAN, Okinawa — An Okinawa man has been sentenced to 16 months in prison — suspended for five years — for leaving the scene after his car struck and seriously injured an American in July.

Satoshi Toyama, 21, was sentenced Dec. 21 in Naha Circuit Court in the July 23 hit-and-run

that put Marine spouse Erin Harding, 36, in intensive care for several days, prosecutors confirmed Monday. Because the sentence was suspended, Toyama won't have to serve time behind bars if he stays out of trouble for those five years.

Harding was hit near Camp Foster's Kitamae Gate while riding her bike at 5 a.m.

She was treated at U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa on Camp Les-

ter for several serious injuries, including a fractured pelvis, fractured left hip, three fractured vertebrae and a sprained right shoulder.

She was later transferred to Naval Medical Center San Diego. Her husband, Maj. Todd Harding, ended his tour on Okinawa early to transfer to Marine Corps Air Station Miramar to be by her side.

According to police, Toyama

stopped his car to assist Harding and called for an ambulance. But he left before police arrived at the scene.

Later that night he turned himself in.

A charge of hit-and-run was forwarded to the Naha Public Prosecutor's office a month later; he was never incarcerated. Because a hit-and-run is not considered a heinous crime, the case was not tried by a jury.

Meanwhile, a U.S. soldier suspected of driving the vehicle that killed a 66-year-old man in a hit-and-run accident in November remains restricted to base. Okinawa authorities have yet to file charges against the Torii Station soldier, identified only as a 27-year-old staff sergeant.

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## Korea: North got help from Pakistanis

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Khan says, for example, that during a visit to North Korea in 1999, he toured a mountain tunnel. There his hosts showed him boxes containing components of three finished nuclear warheads, which he was told could be assembled for use atop missiles within an hour.

"While they explained the construction (design of their bombs), they quietly showed me the six boxes" containing split cores for the warheads, as well as "64 ignitors/detonators per bomb packed in 6 separate boxes," Khan said.

His visit occurred seven years before the country's first detonation, prompting some current and former U.S. officials to say that Khan's account, if correct, suggests North Korea's achievements were more advanced than previously known, and that the country may have more sophisticated weapons, or a larger number, than earlier estimated.

But Siegfried Hecker, a former Los Alamos National Laboratory director who was allowed to see some North Korean plutonium during a visit to its nuclear facilities in January 2004, said after hearing Khan's description of the trip he remains unconvinced that the country in 1999 had enough fissile material on hand to make such weapons.

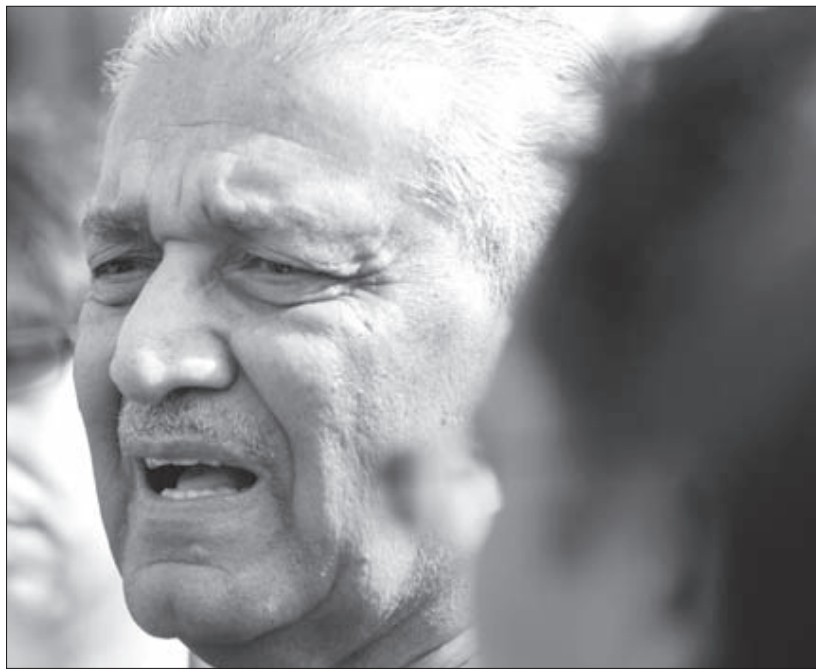
Hecker said Khan may have tried to get himself "off the hook, to say what (he) ... did was not that bad because these guys already had nuclear weapons. That's a nice way to cover his own tracks."

Since some of Khan's actions were exposed in 2003 and 2004, top Pakistani officials have called him a rogue proliferator. Khan said, however, there was a tacit agreement between the two governments that his laboratory "would advise and guide them with the centrifuge program and that the North Koreans would help Pakistan in fitting the nuclear warhead into the Ghauri missile" — his country's name for its version of the Nodong missiles that Pakistan bought from North Korea.

Pakistan gave North Korea vital equipment and software, and in return North Korea also "taught us how to make Krytrons" — extremely fast electrical switches that are used in nuclear detonations and are tightly controlled in international commerce. Contradicting Pakistani statements that the government had no involvement in such sensitive transfers, Khan says his assistance was approved by top political and Army officials, including then-Lt. Gen. Khalid Kidwai, who currently oversees Pakistan's atomic arsenal.

Khan, 73, is under house arrest in Islamabad. He has threatened to disclose sensitive information if he remains in confinement.

The issue of what the hermetic country has been doing with uranium and when it started has been especially contentious since



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Pakistani nuclear scientist Abdul Qadeer Khan talks earlier this year outside his home in Islamabad.

2002. When an Obama administration envoy, Stephen Bosworth, visited North Korea this month, he "strongly put down a marker" that future talks must include discussion of uranium, a senior U.S. official said.

Pakistani officials in Washington dismissed Khan's assertions as baseless, without responding to questions about Kidwai's role. "Pakistan, as a nuclear weapons state, has always acted with full responsibility and never engaged itself in any activity in violation of the non-proliferation norms," the embassy said in a statement.

Song Ryol Han, the North Korean ambassador to the United Nations, denied that his country had a uranium program before last spring or that it ever discussed the issue "with Dr. Khan in Pakistan." Song said that "only after last April, when the U.S. hostility entered extremely critical stage" did the country start such a program as a "nuclear deterrence" measure.

Khan described his dealings with the country in official documents and in correspondence with a former British journalist, Simon Henderson, who said he thinks an accurate understanding of Pakistan's nuclear history is relevant for U.S. policymaking. The Washington Post independently verified that the documents were produced by Khan.

In his written account, Khan said the capacity of North Korea's plant for making the centrifuge feedstock, a caustic material known as uranium hexafluoride, was "initially was two tons per year" and later was raised to 10 tons a year. He did not give the plant's location but said that at one point North Korea sent a kilogram of the gas it had made to Pakistan for testing. He also stated that Pakistan shared a

sample of its own gas to be used as a manufacturing standard by the North Koreans.

Khan said he negotiated the purchase of 10 Nodong missiles and related technology for \$150 million after visiting North Korea in 1994 at the request of Benazir Bhutto, then Pakistan's prime minister, and top army officials. "As a result of this deal, 10 North Korean experts came to Kahuta and were housed within the complex," Khan said, referring to the city in northeastern Pakistan where his laboratory is situated.

Khan said three army staff chiefs approved the stay of the North Koreans, who "were officially allowed to visit all the workshops and meet and discuss freely with the scientists and engineers," including those working on P-1 centrifuges, as well as more advanced models known as P-2s.

After gaining the approval of an army chief and after the payment of funds by North Korea, "I asked my people to prepare 20 outdated P-1 machines and gave them. Since they were working in the plant and were familiar with the P-2 machines, they asked for 4 of these too."

Several former U.S. officials, after being informed of Khan's statements, said they undermine North Korea's 1994 pledge to work with the United States "for peace and security on a nuclear-free Korean peninsula."

"This paints a picture of even more collaboration than I assumed those countries had," said Robert Joseph, a prominent critic of the 1994 agreement. Joseph served as the principal nonproliferation official at the White House under President George W. Bush from 2001 to 2005 and then as undersecretary of state for arms control.

## Yokota teenager will not face a murder charge

By TERI WEAVER  
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*Stars and Stripes*

TOKYO — The Yokota teen under investigation for causing a Japanese motorcyclist to crash could face charges of causing injury and obstruction of traffic, but not attempted murder, according to Japanese officials.

The 19-year-old male was released from custody Christmas Day along with three other teens who had been held since Dec. 5 on suspicion of attempted murder, a spokesman from the Tokyo district public prosecutor's office in Tachikawa said Monday.

The oldest teen, along with a 17-year-old and two 15-year-olds, were suspected of stringing a rope across a street near Yokota Air Base late last summer. The rope caused a motorcycle crash, and the 23-year-old woman who was driving suffered a skull fracture and lay in a coma for weeks.

The prosecutor's office changed the investigation from attempted murder to injury because investigators found no intent of murder, the prosecutor's spokesman said.

The teens are in their parents' custody, according to Air Force spokesman Maj. Christopher Watt. The four, whose parents are airmen with the 374th Air Wing at Yokota, are not restricted to base, Watt said Monday.

He said base officials have yet to determine whether they would take any action against the teens.

"It's too early to tell," he said during a phone interview.

Because the teens are civilian family members, base officials are limited in the way they could be punished, Watt said. Some options could involve community service or barring them from base, which might mean they would return to the States.

First, Watt said, the military is waiting to see how the Japanese officials handle the case.

"We want to make sure we recognize the Japanese legal system," he said.

Now the case lies with a Tokyo Family Court judge, who can decide whether to keep the case and treat the remaining suspect as a juvenile — in Japan, a 19-year-old can be considered a minor — or send the case back to Tokyo District Court for an official indictment. To date, no one has been charged in the case.

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# Karzai: 10 civilians killed in fight with international forces

By JIM HEINTZ  
The Associated Press

KABUL — Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Monday said 10 civilians, including eight students, had been killed in fighting involving international forces in the country's remote east. He condemned the deaths and called for an investigation.

Karzai's brief statement said the deaths occurred Sunday in the Narang district of Kunar province. It did not give further details, and other reports have been sketchy.

The provincial police chief, Gen. Khalilullah Zaiyi, told The Associated Press earlier Monday that as many as 10 militants had been killed in the district on Sunday and that investigators had been sent to the remote area to check reports that civilians were among those killed.

NATO's International Security Assistance Force said it had no immediate information on the reported fighting or on Karzai's statement.

Civilian deaths are one of the most sensitive issues for the international military forces in Afghanistan.

Although United Nations figures show far more civilians are killed by the Taliban, deaths at the hands of foreigners spark wide resentment and undermine international forces' attempts to weaken the Taliban by build-

ing trust among the peaceful population.

Also Monday, NATO said Afghan and international forces were fighting in the country's northwest after coming under attack while attempting to secure Afghan security forces' outposts.

About 60 militants attacked the Afghan and international soldiers with rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire from several locations near the Bala Murgahb district of Badghis province, which borders Iran, NATO said.

"ISAF and Afghan forces continue fighting an extended battle with small arms and mortar fire as well as precision air strikes on confirmed insurgent positions," the statement said.

There were no reports of civilian casualties, the statement said, but it did not specify whether there were casualties among the troops or militants.

Two members of the Afghan National Police were killed when militants attacked a checkpoint in western Afghanistan, police said Monday.

Three other policemen were missing following the attack Saturday night in the Qadis district of Badghis province, said Raouf Ahmedi, a spokesman for the national police's western district.

A joint force of Afghan and international soldiers fanned out in three districts of the province to search for militants and the missing policemen, he said.

Separately, NATO reported Monday that Afghan and international security forces captured militants Sunday night in Kandahar province in southern Afghanistan and in Wardak and Khost provinces in the east.



Karzai



IAJAZ MUHAMMAD/AP

Pakistani villagers gather Friday at the compound of a judiciary complex believed blown apart by militants in Bannu near a tribal area of Waziristan. Pakistani security forces are fighting against Taliban militants in South Waziristan while the U.S. would rather they tackle insurgents in the North.

## Pakistan picks battles with eye on the future

Islamabad doesn't want to spread military too thin

By ALEX RODRIGUEZ  
Tribune Newspapers

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — As Pakistan forges ahead with its bid to uproot Taliban fighters from tribal areas along the Afghan border, its troops are bypassing an enemy that President Barack Obama's administration desperately wants confronted.

Rather than expand on its gains made in South Waziristan and drive into North Waziristan to

tackle the Haqqani network — a wing of the Taliban that views U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan as its principal target — the Pakistani military is now focusing its attention on driving Taliban militants from their strongholds in the surrounding tribal regions of Kurram, Orakzai and Khyber.

One reason Pakistan has refused to abide by the U.S. request to go after the Haqqani network in North Waziristan, a senior Pakistani official says, is that it doesn't have the manpower to fight concentrations of militants on multiple fronts. Pakistani troops are deployed in the Swat Valley, where Taliban fighters were driven out during a large offensive last summer. Another 30,000 troops are winding down major operations to retake control of South Waziristan, the Pakistani Taliban's primary hub.

Many of those fighters fled to nearby tribal regions, such as Kurram and Orakzai, which is why the Pakistani military has stepped up airstrikes in those areas to prevent militants from establishing new bases. Earlier this month, Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani said the Pakistani army's next major deployment of ground troops may target Orakzai.

"First we would like to consolidate and stabi-

lize, and not get into something that overstretches us," said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The bigger reason for Pakistan's reluctance to cooperate, however, lies in the government's ardent belief that the Haqqani network, led by Afghan Taliban commander Jalaluddin Haqqani and his son, Sirajuddin Haqqani, does not pose a direct threat to Pakistan.

Instead, a friendly relationship with the Afghan Taliban is seen by Pakistanis as a valuable hedge against meddling in Afghanistan by Pakistan's archrival, India. Pakistanis also view the Haqqanis and the rest of the Afghan Taliban as linchpins to Afghanistan's future once the U.S. decides to pull out. At that point, Pakistan would prefer the Taliban as an ally and not a foe.

"The Americans will leave in 18 months, and the Taliban won't be defeated. If Pakistan has earned the hostility of the Afghan Taliban, it will be in trouble," said Javed Hussain, a retired brigadier and a former Pakistani special forces commander.

"This concern of Pakistan's is genuine. We cannot afford to earn the wrath of the Taliban and the Haqqani group."

In recent weeks, Obama has sent several top officials to make the case for going after the Haqqani network, including Gen. David H. Petraeus, head of U.S. Central Command; Adm. Michael G. Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and National Security Advisor James L. Jones. While Pakistan so far has balked at Obama's demands, U.S. officials have not given up on the lobbying bid.

## 40 Iranian prisoners in Iraq go on hunger strike

By KATHARINE HOURELD  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Around 40 Iranians held in an Iraqi prison are on a hunger strike to demand meetings with Iranian officials about their cases, an Iraqi government official said Monday.

Lawyer Mohammed Radhi said the strike has been peaceful since its start on Sunday. Radhi works for the state-run Human Rights Commission.

The prisoners are being held in Nasiriyah, about 200 miles south-east of Baghdad. A police official said the prisoners have not been allowed to talk to the Iranian Embassy.

The prisoners were convicted of illegally crossing the border to commit terrorist acts and were sentenced to between five and seven years behind bars, the police official said. He spoke on

condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information.

No further information was available about individual prisoners or their criminal cases. Iraqi and American officials have long accused Iran of supporting insurgents in Iraq.

A spokesman for the Iranian Embassy in Baghdad was not available Monday.

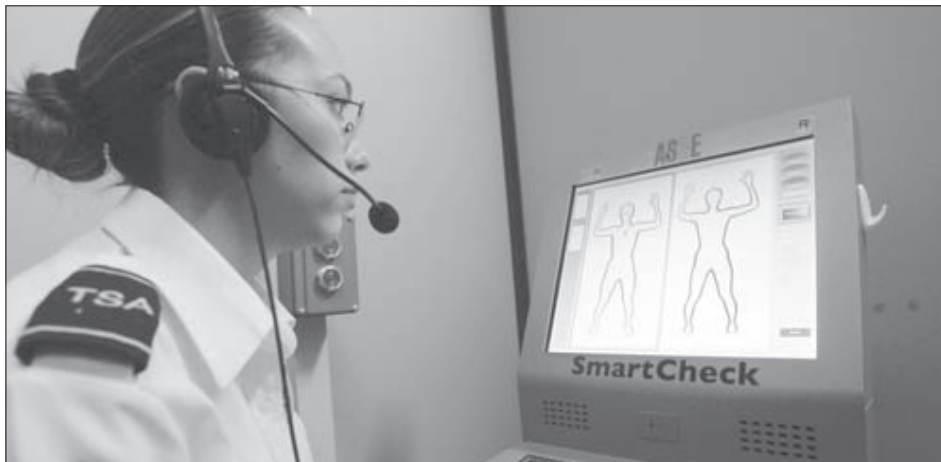
The prisoners' pleas came as Tehran struggles to contain civil unrest that saw at least eight people killed in street demonstrations on Sunday.

In June, Iraqi Shiite prisoners went on hunger strike to protest prison conditions.

Some of them said they had been held for over a year without charge. It's unclear whether the short-lived strike resulted in any changes.



## IN THE STATES



AP

**Terror suspect Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab's name was not placed on TSA watch lists and so he did not receive special security screenings that may have detected the plastic explosive PETN on his body despite warnings by his father to the State Department, officials said.**

## Plot exposes weak security

By SPENCER S. HSU  
The Washington Post

The explosive allegedly used in the failed bombing plot aboard a trans-Atlantic jetliner over Detroit on Christmas Day could have been detected by existing screening equipment, and the failure to do so reflects significant weaknesses in aviation security and intelligence, former U.S. government officials and international security experts said.

The compound that Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab allegedly brought aboard Northwest Flight 253 from Amsterdam was PETN, or pentaerythritol tetrinitrate, the same plastic explosive used eight years ago by would-be shoe bomber Richard Reid, the FBI said. The attack sped the launch of the Transportation Security Administration, which took over and expanded airport security practices to require X-ray scanners and metal detectors.

But technology and methods that might have detected the explosive have been deployed in airports on a limited basis in the face of concerns about privacy, cost and the potential to slow security lines.

The TSA and its counterpart in the Netherlands, where Amsterdam Schiphol Airport is regarded as one of the most secure in the world, have fielded two types of screening equipment able to detect PETN.

However, the first type, detectors that test swabs wiped on passengers and baggage for traces of explosives, weren't used because they are generally reserved for travelers who trigger added scrutiny. Abdulmutallab's name was not placed on TSA watch lists despite warnings by his father to the State Department, officials said. Abdulmutallab also did not pass through the second type of machine, whole-body imaging scanners that detect objects under clothing, equipment that is also used at Schiphol.

"Security failed," said Doron Bergerbest-Eilon, Israel's senior-ranking counterterrorism officer from 1997 to 2000 and a former national regulator for aviation security. "The system repeatedly fails to prevent attacks and protect passengers when challenged," he said, adding that, in the minds of security experts, "for all intents and purposes, Northwest Flight 253 exploded in midair."

## Al-Qaida returns to Yemeni roots to grow

By SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN  
The Washington Post

SANA, Yemen — The al-Qaida branch linked to the attempt to blow up a Detroit-bound Northwest Airlines flight has for the past year escalated efforts to exploit Yemen's instability and carve out a leadership role among terrorist groups, say Yemeni and Western officials, terrorism analysts, and tribal leaders.

U.S. authorities say Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, the Nigerian suspect who tried to ignite explosive chemicals with a syringe sewn into his underwear, may have been equipped and trained by an al-Qaida bomb maker in Yemen. He allegedly made that claim to FBI agents after his arrest.

Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula claimed responsibility for the attempted attack and manufacturing of the explosives, saying it was retaliation for a U.S. operation against the group in Yemen.

If true, it would represent a major new threat to the United States, the Middle East and the

Horn of Africa.

"Al-Qaida started in Yemen and the Arabian peninsula, but it was raised and nurtured in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq and other places. Now it is clear that it is coming back to its roots and growing in Yemen," said Saeed Obaid, a Yemeni terrorism expert. "Yemen has become the place to best understand al-Qaida and its ambitions today."

The branch, known as AQAP, is led by a new generation of Yemeni and Saudi militants keen on transforming Yemen into a launching pad for jihad against the United States, its Arab allies and Israel.

They have used Yemen's vast stretches of ungoverned, rugged terrain; loose-knit tribal structures and codes; widespread sympathy for al-Qaida; and animosity toward U.S. policies to lure new recruits and set up training bases.

The branch appears to be trying to fill a void left by al-Qaida's central body, led by Osama bin Laden, which has been weakened by military assaults in Pakistan

and Afghanistan. Although the branch mostly operates independently, AQAP leader Nasir al-Wuhayshi is believed to have strong contacts with the al-Qaida head, analysts say.

In the past 10 days, the Yemeni government has launched aerial and ground raids that Yemeni officials claim have killed more than 50 militants.

The attempt to down the airliner came less than 24 hours after Yemeni forces, backed by the United States, carried out an airstrike on a meeting of suspected al-Qaida leaders in Shabwa, a southern province.

U.S. and Yemeni officials say both al-Wuhayshi and his deputy, Said al-Shihri, a Saudi national and former detainee at the U.S. facility at Guantanamo Bay, were at the meeting, along with Anwar al-Awlaki, the radical Yemeni American cleric linked to the gunman charged with killing 13 people at the Fort Hood military base Nov. 5.

The fates of the three men are still unknown.

## Plot: Tougher in-flight security being eased

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"We will continue to use every element of our national power to disrupt, to dismantle and defeat the violent extremists who threaten us, whether they are from Afghanistan or Pakistan, Yemen or Somalia, or anywhere where they are plotting attacks against the U.S. homeland," he said.

The president said U.S. authorities will not rest until they find everyone involved in the attack in Detroit and hold them accountable.

Federal authorities met Monday to reassess the U.S. system of terror watch lists to determine how to avoid the type of lapse that allowed a man with explosives to board the flight in Amsterdam even though he was flagged as a possible terrorist.

In a statement posted on the Internet, al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula said Nigerian Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, 23, coordinated with members of the group, an alliance of militants based in Saudi Arabia and Yemen.

Critics and administration officials have questioned how Abdulmutallab was allowed to board the flight. A senior U.S. intelligence official said authorities were reviewing procedures that govern the lists, which could include how someone is placed on or moved between various databases.

"Why wasn't he flagged at a higher screening level?" Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said on ABC's "Good Morning America." "How did he get an explosive substance on to the plane? All of those are serious questions that we are now looking at."



Abdulmutallab

Meanwhile, in-flight security rules have been eased after a two-day clampdown, airline officials familiar with the matter said Monday.

At the captain's discretion, passengers can once again have blankets and other items on their laps or move about the cabin during the tail end of flight. Restrictions on in-flight entertainment systems that show the plane's path were also lifted.

The airline officials spoke on condition of anonymity because federal safety officials had not publicly announced the changes.

A spokeswoman for the Transportation Security Administration said the agency was "continually reviewing and updating" security measures. She declined to offer details.

Abdulmutallab is accused of trying to detonate an explosive device hidden on his body as the plane approached Detroit on a flight from Amsterdam last Friday.

His name was one of about 550,000 in the Terrorist Identities Datamart Environment database. Inclusion in that database does not trigger mandatory additional airport screening.

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## Weekend box office sets record

The Associated Press

It was a memorable and merry Christmas in Hollywood as moviegoers shattered box-office records, responding in droves to a diverse array of high-profile releases over the holiday weekend.

The estimated \$278 million in weekend box-office revenue broke the previous record of roughly \$253 million set in July 2008, the weekend "The Dark Knight" was released.

A diverse group of films drew throngs: James Cameron's "Avatar" pushed strongly into its second week while "Sherlock Holmes," "Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel" and "It's Complicated" all opened.

"Avatar," the 3-D epic, topped them all, earning \$75 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. In its 10 days of release, "Avatar" has made \$212 million domestically.

In second was "Sherlock Holmes," Guy Ritchie's reboot of the franchise with Robert Downey Jr. starring as Arthur Conan Doyle's detective. The film opened with a weekend total of \$65.4 million, including a record Christmas Day debut of \$24.9 million.

"Alvin and the Chipmunks" took in \$77.1 million in five days.

# Dems unsure on public option

## House members fear for element not in Senate health care bill

By CALVIN WOODWARD  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats aren't optimistic that a government insurance plan, a central element of health care legislation passed in their chamber, will survive negotiations with the Senate.

While insisting "it's not dead," Rep. Chris Van Hollen of Maryland said Sunday he recognizes realities in the Senate, where Democrats had to scrape up every vote from their side to pass a bill — even one without a government plan to compete in the private insurance marketplace.

"Before the House was to give up the public option, we would want to be persuaded that there are other mechanisms in whatever bill comes out that will keep down premiums," Van Hollen said. "We've got to make sure that the final product is affordable."

Rep. James Clyburn of South Carolina, the No. 3 Democrat in the House and one who had appealed to President Barack Obama not to yield on the public plan, set out conditions for yielding himself.

"We want a public option to do basically three things: Create more choice for insurers, create more competition for insurers, and to con-

tain costs," Clyburn said. "So if we can come up with a process by which these three things can be done, then I'm all for it. Whether or not we label it a public option or not is of no consequence."

Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., underscored the divisions Democrats will need to bridge when negotiators from the House and Senate meet next month to reconcile the two bills. He

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Rep. Chris Van Hollen  
Maryland

said there will need to be more give on the House side than the Senate, which took weeks to find 60 votes for passage.

"If we are going to have a final law, it will look a lot more like the Senate version than the House version," Menendez said.

The Senate's Christmas Eve achievement brought the nation closer than it's been for generations to a new order in health insurance. It would eventually require nearly all Americans to get coverage, help many pay for it and

restrict onerous insurance company practices such as denying coverage to people with pre-existing sickness.

But nothing will change for anyone until the House and Senate can settle on common legislation, pass it and send it to Obama.

The high stakes have both parties hoping they can find a few converts from the other side. Nearly every Republican in Congress has opposed the measures.

"If some of the Republicans would come forward with suggestions — offer a vote or two, or three or four — to take away the need to have every last one of the 60 Democrats, you'd have a much better bill in accordance with the tradition of the Congress, especially the Senate, on bipartisanship," said Democratic Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, himself a party switcher.

Republican Sen. Jim DeMint of South Carolina voiced similar hope, to opposite ends: for "a few Democrats to stand up in the House that maybe didn't before and help us stop this thing."



Menendez



Clyburn



Van Hollen

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## EDUCATION

# Driver's ed budget, safety concerns collide

## Some fear cuts are putting kids at risk

By CHRISTINE ARMARIO  
The Associated Press

**B**eginning driver Ashley Crawford grips the worn gray steering wheel and warily begins maneuvering the 1999 Ford Escort through a set of bright orange traffic cones outside Killian Senior High School.

She considers herself lucky: Because of budget cuts, many schools around the country are leaving driver's ed by the side of the road. They are cutting back on behind-the-wheel instruction or eliminating it altogether, leaving it to parents to either teach their teenagers themselves or send them to commercial driving schools.

"If my parents would have taught me, it would have been different," said Ashley, a 16-year-old sophomore. "When I drive, they try to tell me what to do, and I get nervous."

Some educators and others worry that such cutbacks could prove tragic.

"As soon as people start taking driver's education away from the kids, we're going to pay for it with lost lives, collisions, and ultimately that costs everybody," said John Bolen, past president of the Florida Professional Driving School Association.

Some worry also that many parents can't afford the \$350 to \$700 that private lessons can cost or don't have the skills to teach their kids themselves. Even for those who can do it, the combination of parents, teenagers and learning how to drive can be volatile.

In more than half the states, minors who want a license must take driver's education from a certified instructor, said Allen Robinson, CEO of the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association. However, that doesn't necessarily mean schools are required to offer a class. (Generally, after age 18, would-be drivers do not have to undergo any formal instruction.)

High schools started rolling back driver's ed after their effectiveness was called into question in the 1980s. The more recent cutbacks have been driven by school funding shortages, and the trend might be accelerating because of the downturn



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**Driver's education student Elliot Nicholson, 15, drives a course at Killian Senior High School in Miami on Nov. 23. Because of budget cuts, many schools around the country are cutting back on behind-the-wheel instruction or eliminating it altogether.**

in the economy, said J. Peter Kissinger, president and CEO of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

In Miami-Dade County, the nation's fourth-largest school system got rid of driver's ed during the day at all but Killian and another school. Students can still enroll in a free after-school course at one of the district's adult education centers. But that is not an option for the many thousands of students who play sports or are involved in other extracurricular activities, or cannot get a ride.

About 10 high schools in Georgia eliminated or reduced driver's education this school year. A dozen more did the same

in Kansas last year. In Volusia County, Fla., schools eliminated daytime driver's ed three years ago, replacing it with summer, after-school and Saturday classes. Enrollment plummeted two-thirds, saving about \$400,000 a year.

"This is not because they don't believe in driver's ed," said Bob Dallas, director of the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety. "They do, but they're facing the same financial pressure that everybody in government is facing."

"It could save lives. It's very simple," said Jack Barnes, director of schools in Sullivan County, Tenn. "We don't want any of our students injured or killed be-

cause of mistakes they made that possibly a program like this could help."

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for U.S. teens; in 2007, an average of 11 16- to 19-year-olds died every day.

But Russ Rader, a spokesman for the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, said studies show there is no difference in crash risk between 16- and 17-year-olds who take driver's ed and those who don't.

"In some cases, driver's education has a negative effect because in some states you can get a license sooner if you take driver's ed," he said.

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# Pretty, powerful

## Ukraine PM tops list of world's most attractive heads of state

BY DAN ZAK

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — If there is power in beauty, then the leader of the free world is Yulia Tymoshenko, the 49-year-old prime minister of Ukraine with the porcelain features and a halo of luscious golden braids. She's got the body of Barbie and the face of a Hummel figurine, not to mention

the responsibility of leading 46 million people and the No. 1 ranking on the Web site Hottest Heads of State, the idea of a temp/musician in New York named Derek Dobson.

President Barack Obama came in at No. 15, despite the surf-ready torso and numerous magazine covers.

"I have no comment on the hotness of the president or any

### Where do they rank?



other head of state," said deputy White House press secretary Bill Burton.

Still, Obama ranks ahead of

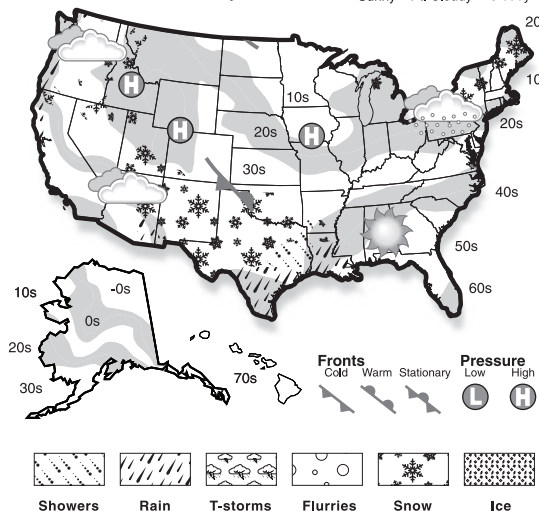
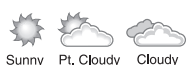
rival beefcake. Vladimir Putin, that musky Muscovite, comes in at No. 18 and supermodel magnet Nicolas Sarkozy lands at No. 28.

Last, and maybe least on the list? At No. 172, right behind the Pope: Kim Jong Il, who looks like everybody's grandmother.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Dec. 29



### Unsettling weather persists in the Northeast

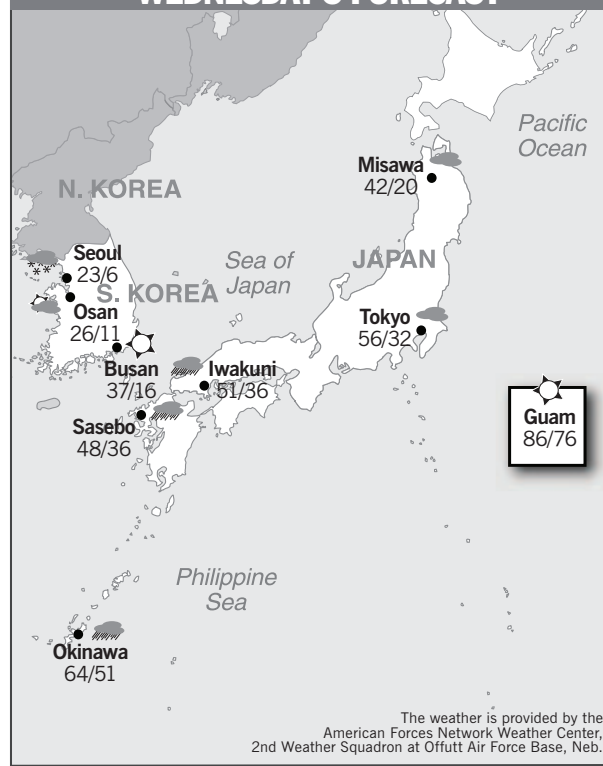
A winter storm exiting the Northeast will produce light rain and snow in New England. Meanwhile, low pressure in the West will spark areas of mixed showers from the coast to the Rockies, while cold temperatures camp out in the nation's midsection.

Weather Underground • AP

### Monday's global temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	La Paz	54	40	rn
Amsterdam	42	37	rn	Lima	83	68	cdy
Athens	66	57	rn	Lisbon	62	44	rn
Auckland	73	59	pc	London	45	35	pc
Baghdad	65	65	clr	Madrid	47	31	clr
Basra	71	45	clr	Managua	91	73	clr
Bahrain	71	63	clr	Manila	86	73	clr
Bangkok	91	75	pc	Mecca	92	68	clr
Barbados	87	78	clr	Melbourne	73	52	pc
Barcelona	57	43	rn	Mexico City	77	48	clr
Beijing	27	8	clr	Montevideo	78	69	pc
Beirut	70	58	pc	Montreal	36	31	sn
Belgrade	40	37	rn	Moscow	35	32	sn
Berlin	37	30	pc	Nairobi	76	60	rn
Bermuda	68	61	rn	Nassau	81	71	rn
Bogota	69	44	pc	New Delhi	69	44	clr
Brasilia	79	68	rn	Nice	57	42	cdy
Brisbane	84	73	rn	Osaka	50	37	pc
Brussels	42	36	rn	Oslo	17	5	sn
Bucharest	37	26	sn	Panama	91	74	cdy
Budapest	37	30	pc	Paris	46	33	rn
Buenos Aires	82	71	pc	Perth	90	62	clr
Cairo	75	52	clr	Prague	31	23	pc
Calgary	31	9	pc	Rio de Janeiro	87	75	rn
Caracas	87	75	clr	Rome	50	39	rn
Colombo	86	73	rn	San Jose	84	63	rn
Copenhagen	39	37	rn	San Juan	86	75	rn
Dhahran	73	51	clr	San Salvador	86	64	clr
Dhaka	75	58	clr	Santiago	83	57	pc
Dili	88	75	rn	Sao Paulo	89	68	rn
Dubai	76	71	clr	Sapporo	32	27	sn
Dublin	40	30	rn	Seoul	21	12	sn
Frankfurt	37	24	sn	Singapore	86	76	rn
Geneva	41	23	rn	Sofia	53	41	rn
Guatemala	80	53	pc	Stockholm	30	12	sn
Hanoi	81	62	rn	Sydney	72	64	rn
Harare	86	61	rn	Taipei	68	53	rn
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Jakarta	89	75	rn	Toronto	36	28	sn
Jerusalem	70	53	clr	Tunis	62	38	rn
Johannesburg	79	58	rn	Valletta	70	55	rn
Kabul	48	30	pc	Vancouver	37	27	pc
Kiev	38	32	pc	Vienna	39	30	pc
Kuala Lumpur	87	74	rn	Warsaw	38	26	clr
Kuwait	72	51	clr	Zurich	41	25	sn

## WEDNESDAY'S FORECAST



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

### Tuesday's U.S. temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Casper	29	11	Cldy	Erie	22	16	Snow	Jacksonville	55	36	Clr	Montgomery	51	32	Clr	Richmond	40	22	Clr	Springfield, Ill	22	18	Clr
Abilene, Tex	32	30	Snow	Charleston, S.C.	51	30	Clr	Eugene	41	36	Rain	Juneau	34	19	PCldy	Nashville	42	27	PCldy	Roanoke	36	22	Clr	Springfield, Mo	31	24	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	23	12	Cldy	Charlotte, N.C.	46	25	Clr	Evansville	31	23	Clr	Kansas City	25	21	PCldy	New Orleans	54	47	PCldy	Rochester	16	12	Snow	Syracuse	15	09	Snow
Albany, N.Y.	19	06	Clr	Charlotte, N.C.	46	25	Clr	Fairbanks	-01	16	Clr	Key West	67	62	Clr	New York City	26	17	Clr	Rockford	16	09	Clr	Tallahassee	56	32	Clr
Albuquerque	36	25	Cldy	Chattanooga	47	27	Clr	Fargo	14	02	PCldy	Knoxville	42	24	PCldy	Newark	27	16	Clr	Sacramento	49	40	Cldy	Tampa	59	45	Clr
Allentown, Pa.	27	15	Clr	Cheyenne	34	13	Cldy	Flagstaff	33	19	Snow	Lake Charles	49	41	Cldy	Norfolk, Va.	41	27	Clr	St. Louis	30	26	PCldy	Toledo	24	15	Cldy
Amarillo	34	25	Cldy	Chicago	19	13	Clr	Flint	22	15	Snow	Lansing	24	17	Snow	North Platte	28	11	Cldy	St. Petersburg	58	49	Clr	Topeka	26	24	PCldy
Anchorage	27	17	Clr	Cincinnati	31	22	PCldy	Fort Smith	36	30	Cldy	Las Vegas	53	37	Cldy	Oklahoma City	32	27	Cldy	St. Thomas	84	74	PCldy	Tucson	57	36	Cldy
Asheville	40	22	Clr	Cleveland	23	14	Cldy	Fort Wayne	25	12	Cldy	Lexington	33	23	Clr	Omaha	21	15	PCldy	Salem, Ore.	40	36	Rain	Tulsa	34	29	Cldy
Atlanta	49	31	Clr	Colorado Springs	40	19	Cldy	Fresno	56	46	Cldy	Lincoln	21	16	PCldy	Orlando	62	43	Clr	Salt Lake City	29	18	Cldy	Tupelo	43	31	PCldy
Atlantic City	33	21	Clr	Columbia, S.C.	52	27	Clr	Goodland	38	16	Cldy	Little Rock	41	29	Cldy	Paducah	34	26	PCldy	San Angelo	34	31	Snow	Waco	40	33	Snow
Austin	38	35	Rain	Columbus, Ga.	54	32	Clr	Grand Junction	29	11	Cldy	Los Angeles	66	51	PCldy	Pendleton	32	22	Cldy	San Antonio	43	36	Rain	Washington, D.C.	35	24	Clr
Baltimore	35	20	Clr	Columbus, Ohio	27	19	PCldy	Grand Rapids	25	16	Snow	Louisville	37	27	PCldy	Peoria	20	16	Clr	San Diego	62	50	PCldy	W. Palm Beach	67	56	Clr
Baton Rouge	54	42	Cldy	Concord, N.H.	24	01	Clr	Great Falls	31	10	Cldy	Lubbock	33	24	Snow	Philadelphia	31	19	Clr	San Francisco	52	48	Cldy	Wichita	34	27	Cldy
Billings	31	12	Cldy	Corpus Christi	47	44	Rain	Green Bay	20	06	PCldy	Macon	53	30	Clr	Phoenix	61	42	Cldy	San Jose	54	45	Cldy	Wichita Falls	36	30	Snow
Birmingham	48	32	Clr	Dallas-Ft. Worth	38	31	Snow	Greensboro, N.C.	42	23	Clr	Madison	18	09	Clr	Pittsburgh	23	16	Cldy	Santa Fe	34	19	Cldy	Wilkes-Barre	19	12	Clr
Bismarck	23	02	Cldy	Dayton	27	18	PCldy	Harrisburg	29	19	Clr	Medford	40	34	Rain	Pocatello	28	19	Cldy	St. Ste Marie	18	16	Snow	Wilmington, Del.	31	19	Clr
Boise	33	25	Cldy	Daytona Beach	59	43	Clr	Hartford Spgfld	26	10	Clr	Memphis	42	32	PCldy	Portland, Maine	28	01	Clr	Savannah	53	32	Clr	Yakima	30	21	Cldy
Boston	31	11	Clr	Denver	40	16	PCldy	Helena	23	07	Cldy	Miami Beach	69	59	Clr	Portland, Ore.	38	36	Rain	Seattle	44	38	Cldy	Youngstown	22	10	Cldy
Bridgeport	23	12	Clr	Des Moines	16	12	Clr	Honolulu	80	67	Clr	Midland-Odessa	35	24	Snow	Providence	30	10	Clr	Shreveport	41	35	Cldy				
Brownsville	58	47	Rain	Detroit	24	17	Snow	Houston	42	39	Rain	Milwaukee	18	14	Clr	Pueblo	42	14	Cldy	Sioux City	17	16	PCldy				
Buffalo	17	14	Snow	Duluth	27	07	PCldy	Huntsville	44	30	PCldy	Mpls-St Paul	22	08	PCldy	Raleigh-Durham	43	23	Clr	Sioux Falls	18	10	PCldy				
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## Easy to please

**Kumbuka, a 13-year-old female chimpanzee at Miami MetroZoo, plays with the box she received on Christmas from her keepers.**



## Reflecting on democracy

**Protesters line the entrance to the neighborhood where President Barack Obama, first lady Michelle Obama and their daughters are spending their holiday vacation in Kailua, Hawaii.**



## Walking around water

**Firefighters work to fight a fire at the United Way Center in Columbus, Ind.**

## Indian tribes buy back thousands of acres

**NE** OMAHA — Native American tribes tired of waiting for the U.S. government to honor centuries-old treaties are buying back land where their ancestors lived and putting it in federal trust.

Tribes put more than 840,000 acres — or roughly the equivalent of the state of Rhode Island — into trust from 1998 to 2007, according to information The Associated Press obtained from the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs under the Freedom of Information Act.

## State plans aerial hunt of invasive goats, sheep

**HI** HONOLULU — The state plans to hunt feral goats, sheep and other invasive species from helicopters next month to protect an endangered bird's habitat.

The state Department of Land and Natural Resources will close the Mauna Kea Forest Reserve and Kaohe Game Management Area on Jan. 26-27 while shooters fire at the animals from the air.

The grazing animals destroy mamane trees eaten by the palila, a yellow-crowned songbird that lives on the upper slopes of Mauna Kea volcano.

## Showrooms find new life as places to learn

**OH** COLUMBUS — As auto showrooms close nationwide, schools, day care centers, stores and other activities are filling some of the void.

Architects and historians say depressed real estate values and enthusiasm for green energy are contributing to a high level of interest in reusing showrooms. The showrooms are especially sturdy, naturally lit and often ideally located in high-traffic areas.

U.S. auto sales fell to a 26-year low in 2009.

## Landfill can recycle used Christmas trees

**WV** BECKLEY — This year, there's no reason for poinsettias in Raleigh and Fayette counties to be stuffed into plastic bags and sent off to gorge landfills.

A new tub grinder purchased with a grant from the state Rehabilitation Environmental Action Program can grind those used Christmas trees and poinsettias into vegetation.

The flowers can be taken to the local landfill, along with used live Christmas trees.

## Amid recession, town sees surprise surplus

**VT** DORSET — In the town of Dorset, they're facing a pleasant dilemma — how to spend a \$252,000 surplus discovered by the town's auditor.

Town Manager Rob Gaiotti says the decision should be left to the Select Board, but believes putting the money into a reserve fund to be used over the next three years makes sense.

But Select Board member Marge Freed and Chairman Chris Brooks say an article approved last year at town meeting

calls for any surplus money to be returned to taxpayers.

## City streamlines blood testing for DWIs

**NY** NEW YORK — New York City is taking steps to speed up blood tests for suspected drunken drivers who refuse breath tests after a serious car crash.

The moves are designed to make sure testing happens soon after a wreck, because a suspect's blood-alcohol level can decline during delays.

Under the old system, police officers took suspects first to the nearest stationhouse and then to one of six special blood testing units around the city.

## Cutter Mackinaw preps for icebreaking season

**MI** CHEBOYGAN — With temperatures falling and ice beginning to form in the Straits of Mackinac, the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Mackinaw is preparing for the icebreaking season.

The Mackinaw is one of eight Coast Guard icebreakers dedicated to keeping shipping lanes clear in coordination with commercial shipping interests and the Canadian government.

## Town adds laser beams to snow plows

**NH** HOOKSETT — Laser technology could mean the end to complaints about snow plows tearing up yards or toppling mailboxes in Hooksett, N.H.

The New Hampshire Union Leader reports that the town has outfitted two of its plows with a device that shoots a laser beam about 40 feet in front of a snow plow, showing the exact spot where the edge of the plow will scrape.

## Protective mask business booming

**VT** WILLISTON — A Vermont company whose product is in high demand because of swine flu is doing a booming business.

Triosyn Corp., a biotechnology company, recently started around-the-clock production of anti-microbial respirators.

The company, which sells the masks on the wholesale market, hopes to make 50 million masks next year.

## 71-year-old gets her college degree

**GA** ATHENS — More than half a century after she took her first college class, Kathleen Yapp, 71, was among the University of Georgia graduates celebrating the completion of their college careers at fall semester commencement.

Yapp, an English major with a history minor, wore a special tassel on her cap.

The Gainesville woman graduated magna cum laude with a 3.8 grade point average. Her son congratulated her with a text message: "Great, congrats — now get a job."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

## Pregnancy policy consequences

I was disheartened to read about the new rule for servicemembers assigned to northern Iraq that [would have] imposed punishment for members who become pregnant and their sexual partner. It [might have] created a harmful barrier between our deployed people and their health care provider.

It is my sense that punitive policies may displace the focus among deployed members from preserving their health to preventing the consequences of getting caught for having sex. Members may be hesitant to seek pregnancy testing and instead hide their condition as long as possible. This could result in harm to the member and her fetus.

Similar policies that prohibit sex are also harmful. People with symptoms of a sexually transmitted infection may avoid seeking care. People may be afraid to ask for birth control pill refills or condoms. In effect, these fears or concerns may dilute the capacity of military medicine to protect the health of deployed members.

Even if this policy [had not been] strictly enforced, the rumor that a "policy of punishment" is in force may negatively affect the health-care-seeking behavior of our people, driving them away from their healer, delaying pregnancy testing, delaying diagnosis of infections, inhibiting opportunities for prevention counseling and future risk reduction, extending the period of STI infectivity to future partners, and exacerbating STI illness by delaying treatment.

There are instances in which medical professionals have a duty to disclose patient information to a third party, such as reports of child abuse or threats to do harm. Outside of these well-defined and rare instances, military medicine must provide a reasonable and reliable level of patient privacy. Breaches of medical pri-

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vacy — real or perceived — and punishment as a consequence of seeking health care, may ultimately harm the health of the force and, thereby, the mission.

Chief Master Sgt. Bob MacDonald  
(retired)

Virginia Beach, Va.

## Wasteful reconstruction

There are critics who argue the Iraqi reconstruction effort has been wasteful, and I support that thought.

I do not disagree that the Iraqis deserve medical clinics, schools, etc. As a registered nurse, this is at the core of my beliefs. I disagree with the idea that the major difference between the Marshall Plan and rebuilding Iraq is the war zone in which it takes place ("Providing hope for Iraqis," letter, Dec. 22).

We are building to standards the Iraqis will not maintain and with contractors who are not held responsible to deadlines and how taxpayers' money is spent.

We have built hospitals that went millions of dollars over budget, roads to nowhere, clinics that cannot be staffed, and schools with no teachers and have given people generators that have yet to be hooked up. Some of the projects we have built are complex; they require maintenance, operations and maintenance funds, training and security — all of which have taken the U.S. years to perfect.

We need to let the Iraqis put pressure on their own government to build and maintain their untaxed provinces before we leave. In the six years we have been here, we have seen little evidence that this will happen. The taxpayers' money we spend neither prepares the Iraqi government to run the country nor keeps U.S. soldiers or Iraqi citizens safe.

First Lt. Jennifer Leathers  
Basra, Iraq

## Comic strips bring smiles

In response to "Replace tasteless cartoons," (letter, Dec. 28), some of the writer's "not funny" cartoons are some of the few things that do bring smiles to the faces of me and my soldiers.

Simply because he doesn't share the sense of humor of other people is no reason to pull a comic strip. We often clip the comic strips that have particular humor to current or older situations. "Get Fuzzy" and "Pearls Before Swine" are two that we find the funniest.

I would be very sorry to see them pulled simply because one person has no sense of humor.

Sgt. Chad Edwards

Forward Operating Base Fenty,  
Afghanistan

## It's scary if truth can't set you free

Chicago Tribune editorial

Four years ago, the office supply company Staples accused a sales director named Alan Noonan of padding his expense reports and fired him. The company, though, didn't let him go quietly. A vice president at Staples sent an e-mail to about 1,500 employees announcing the firing of Noonan and reminding them that compliance with company policies was not optional.

Noonan sued for libel, claiming that he had been singled out for public humiliation and that the company had acted maliciously. No other Staples employee had been called out in such a way for violating company policy.

Normally, such a lawsuit would be tossed out if the accusation against Noonan was true. The U.S. Supreme Court has held for decades that truth is an absolute defense against libel. (Noonan said he was guilty of

sloppiness with his expense records.)

A judge in federal district court rejected his complaint, citing the Supreme Court standard. But Noonan appealed, and in February a federal appeals court ruled that he could pursue his claim under a century-old Massachusetts law.

That law allows a libel action if a defendant was malicious in his intent, even if what he wrote was the truth.

This ruling has caused journalists to do a double take. They have long operated under the Supreme Court rule that truth is an absolute defense against libel. This ruling is dangerous, and not just for journalists. It opens the door for libel actions against all sorts of truthful speech, if a court finds that the speaker had malicious

intent. Think about talk radio. Think about the comment boards on Web sites. Think about Michael Moore documentaries. Think about the e-mails you send. Think about office memos.

The appellate court finding could have a chilling effect on all of them if it stands.

The case went back to the district court, and in October a jury ruled in favor of Staples, finding that the company and its execs had not shown malice toward Noonan.

He has appealed, though, arguing the jury wasn't properly briefed on the Massachusetts law.

So this is still kicking around. It's a case to watch as it meanders through the courts.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU





## OPINION

## Obama's ambitions outpace effectiveness

By DOYLE MCMANUS  
Los Angeles Times

Barack Obama arrived at the White House with a daunting to-do list. He promised to save the economy from ruin, redesign the health care system, reregulate the financial industry, retol energy policy, slow global warming, reform education, write a new immigration law and serve as midwife to a new era of bipartisan cooperation. He said he would close the prison camp at Guantanamo, organize an orderly withdrawal from Iraq, stave off defeat in Afghanistan, negotiate with Iran, make progress toward Israeli-Palestinian peace, convince the world's Muslims that America was their friend, launch a new drive toward global nuclear disarmament — and, while he was at it, bring the 2016 Olympics to Chicago.

All those goals were worthy. Some were responses to crises that couldn't be ducked. But others were electives added by the president. And the agenda quickly proved longer and more ambitious than either Congress or President Obama's executive branch could handle.

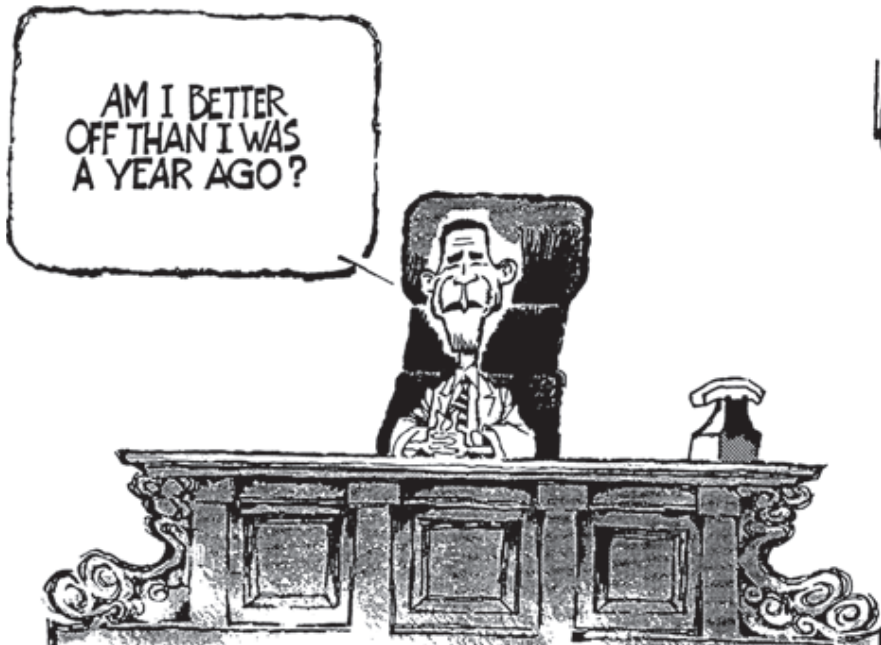
Obama turned out to be masterful at launching new policies but inconsistent at getting them to work. His presidency threatened to fall into a worrisome pattern: the announcement of a lofty goal,

the delegation of implementation to second-rank officials, a missed deadline or two, last-minute intervention by the president to rescue the effort from collapse, and, finally, mixed results — followed by a statement claiming victory.

Take the \$787 billion economic stimulus plan that Obama muscled through Congress as his first item of business in February. It was big, bold and ambitious — but in political terms, it's been a failure. Most economists say the stimulus has saved at least half a million jobs, but Obama hasn't convinced most voters that the impact is real. A program to save homeowners from foreclosure has mostly been a bust. The most visibly successful piece of the administration's economic rescue plan has been its bailout of Wall Street — a favor investment bankers repaid by awarding themselves huge bonuses.

A Pew poll this month found that only 30 percent of respondents believed Obama's policies had made the economy better. A president who made his name as a gifted speechmaker has fallen into a spectacular failure in communicating. He might have served himself better by making fewer trips to Scandinavia and more to construction sites in Middle America.

There's been an important spillover effect: Obama's other policies — on health care and energy, for example — have lost popular



support along with his economic plan. Despite the depth of the economic crisis, the public isn't clamoring for more federal intervention; quite the contrary. That means Obama hasn't succeeded in building a strong constituency for his overall philosophy of government, a shortfall that will limit what he can achieve from

here on.

By historical standards, Obama's first year wasn't bad at all. He stopped an economic free fall and got most of the way to a health care plan of historic proportions. In foreign policy, he made credible starts in Iraq and Afghanistan, and suffered no outright disasters — a statement

several of his predecessors would envy.

But graded against his own ambitions, he fell short. And by scattering his focus, those outsized ambitions paradoxically diluted the impact of the success he did enjoy.

Doyle McManus is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

## Unconnected dots (again) on latest incident in skies

Washington Post editorial

The thwarted Christmas Day airplane bombing raises three causes for alarm. First, it illustrates a screening system that remains porous enough to let a suspect board with the same explosive shoe-bomber Richard Reid attempted to use in 2001. Second, it exposes a terrorism bureaucracy too clumsy to catapult the suspect, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, at least to a higher level of preflight scrutiny after his father came forward with warnings that he might pose a danger. Third, if it is true that the suspect received explosives training from al-Qaida in Yemen, the incident underscores the emergence of that troubled nation as a training ground for terrorists. To that initial list, we would add a fourth: the disturbingly defensive reaction of the Obama administration.

No screening system can be foolproof, and every system must balance security against the need to allow an acceptably free flow of travel. But the system apparently failed in the case of Abdulmutallab in significant part because available technologies were not employed. The explosive PETN, pentaerythritol tetranitrate, that Abdulmutallab allegedly carried would not be found through normal X-rays or metal detectors. However, it is detectable by bomb-sniffing dogs, by "sniffer" technology that blows particles off travelers, or by swabbing passengers for traces of explosives; full-body imaging might also have been helpful. Abdulmutallab does not appear to have undergone any such screening in Lagos, Nigeria, where his travel started, or in Amsterdam, where he boarded the Northwest flight for Detroit. Given the continuing threat, it may be necessary

to re-examine the need for such intensive screening before flights are cleared for the United States.

More disturbing is the apparent failure of U.S. authorities to respond swiftly and seriously to warnings by Abdulmutallab's father about his son's "radicalization and associations" with Islamist extremists. As the recently retired chairman of a major Nigerian bank, Alhaji Umaru Mutallab was a credible source; his alert to Nigerian and U.S. Embassy officials in Lagos about his son's increasingly militant views should have been enough to prompt an immediate review of Mutallab's multiple-entry visa and, at a minimum, to have him flagged for extra security precautions. The notion that there was "insufficient derogatory information available" to do more than add Abdulmutallab's name to a broad terror

watch list, as the administration suggested, is infuriating. This was not an American citizen entitled to due-process protections and the right to enter the country at will. How much more derogatory does information have to be than a father's warning that his son is dabbling in radical Islam?

The episode also serves as another sobering reminder that eliminating Afghanistan as a haven for terrorist planning is necessary but not sufficient. Yemen will be "a fertile ground for the training and recruitment of Islamist militant groups for the foreseeable future," Andrew Exum and Richard Fontaine warned in a report last month for the Center for a New American Security. "Internet message boards linked to al-Qaida are encouraging fighters from across the Islamic world to flock to Yemen," they noted. A successful U.S. counterter-

rorism strategy will have to devote attention and, more important, resources to states such as Yemen and Somalia if they are not to become the next Afghanistan. The Obama administration appears to understand this reality, as demonstrated by U.S. involvement in recent Yemeni strikes on al-Qaida forces there.

Finally, it is hardly reassuring to argue, as Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano did on ABC's "This Week," that "once the incident occurred, the system worked." The attack was averted because of the luck of a faulty detonator and the quick response of alert passengers. White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said the president has ordered a review into "did the government do everything that it could have with the information that they had?" The answer to that question seems obvious.

## Prickly City

By SCOTT STANTIS





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Staff Sgt. Dylan Lugibihl, with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, shouts orders during a firefight with Taliban in Afghanistan on April 27.



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Pfc. Mathew Corbitt, with Troop B, 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, takes a look around the Kurdish town of Khanaqin during a joint patrol on Sept. 28 with Iraqi police, seen in the background.



Sgt. Paul Levesque, with 1st Platoon, Company A, Task Force 3-66 Armor, gets a visit from a young Iraqi boy



DIANNA CAHN/Stars and Stripes

Cpl. Matt Mattocks sits in on a meeting on June 27 between U.S. and Afghan commanders from Spera Combat Outpost and leaders of nearby Sra Khanda village. In the heart of Taliban mountain terrain, the village is the only one in the vicinity that is friendly to American and Afghan forces.



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Xanthus Schneider, an Army Junior ROTC cadet from Vilseck High School, Germany, reacts as fellow flight cadets congratulate him after winning the individual drill routine at Germany's Sembach Annex in July.



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military community around the world sees tragedy, triumph, joy and heartache every day. Stars and Stripes reporters capture these moments throughout the year in war zones, on bases across the globe and at family events back home. A sampling of military life as seen through the lenses of Stars and Stripes in 2009, from training to combat to homecoming.



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while pulling security in February in Tahweela, Iraq.



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ek Smith to the hoop in May.



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Sgt. Nathan Carter gets a kiss from his wife, Jennifer, after the 1st Armored Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team arrived home in Germany from Iraq in May.



CINDY FISHER/Stars and Stripes

Annie Connally, wife of Col. Tom Connally, peers through the sights of a .50-caliber rifle in May during 3rd Marine Division's Jane Wayne Day at Camp Hansen on Okinawa.



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Firefighters from Misawa Air Base, Japan, inspect each other's gear before training to put out the blazing aircraft body behind them.



JAMES WARDEN/Stars and Stripes

Second Lt. Dave Barthold, an intelligence officer in the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, enjoys sunrise aboard the USS Boxer in March while patrolling for pirates in the Gulf of Aden.



# Horoscope

It's the eve of the full moon, and the anticipation builds toward an end of the year to remember. Many will buy special clothing, party favors or other items to help ring in the new decade. The Gemini lunar influence stokes conversation, and there will be a nice sharing of information even though Mercury's retrograde influence is still going strong.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 30).** You're not formally trained in the art of happiness, and yet your natural talent for being joyful makes you a teacher to those around you. The gleam in your eye attracts romantic interest in January. Your role as a supportive partner takes you on a spring adventure. Save your money in June, and invest it in November. Aquarius and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 3, 23, 18 and 50.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You are as powerful as you are organized. Plot out your next 10 moves. Start at the end and move back. As you prepare your plan, you'll be increasing your influence.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You'll have the instinct to talk to someone you don't know. Pay attention to this internal nudging. Go for it and you will find out that you have something unexpected in common with this person.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You may be out of your element today, but no one will catch on. An intelligent question thrown in at the right time and an air of poise about you will have others believing you are more knowledgeable than you are.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You have a formidable adversary. Consider whether you can make this person into your ally. There may be a way for fierce competitors to work together on this topsy-turvy day.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Just because something is rare doesn't make

it valuable. But the value you assign to it will hold, rare or not. Decide what something means to you, and invest in it accordingly. It will only be as important as you make it.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Something has kept you from making an inquiry. You may feel like you don't want to rock the boat, or that you don't want to appear behind the times. Forget these fears. Good questions are necessary in order to clear up confusion.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Your senses are keen. Something you experience will trigger a memory of long ago — perhaps even from your infancy. You'll have a new assessment of this moment now that you're in such a different place in your life.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Interruptions may seem to be a violation of etiquette. Then again, if no one interrupted the flow of action, boredom would quickly set in. With this in mind, welcome a certain amount of distraction.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Logic gets derailed. Fantasy takes over. Solid plans get scrapped for ethereal abstractions. And miraculously, life still goes on in a more or less productive manner, as though the whimsy was just what everyone needed.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Keep the conversation sparkling. If you go on for too long, your listeners will start to lose interest. But the kind of short and interesting stories you're likely to tell will endear others to you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You value faithfulness in this fickle world. That's why it's important that you also model it. Keep your appointments even when they become inconvenient. And hold fast to your word.

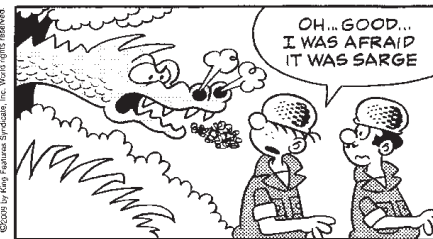
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Before you start to work, decide what you'll have accomplished by the end of the session. Allow yourself a diversion only after you've done all that you need to do.

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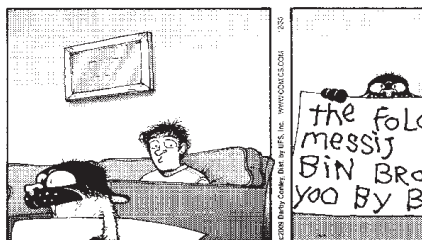
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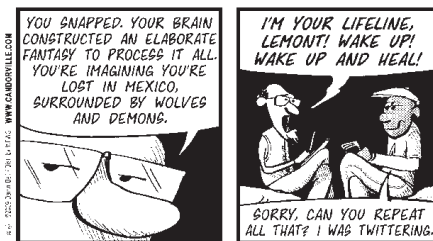
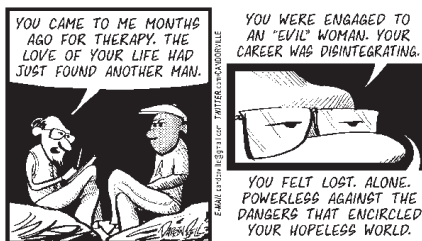
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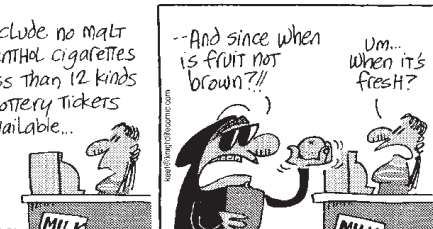
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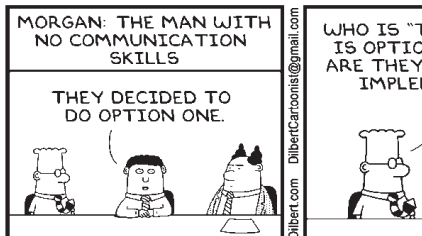
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# 'Friendship' cools romantic flame

**Dear Abby:** I am 80, and "Doreen" is 72. We started dating seven years ago.

Doreen has a male friend in Florida with whom she communicates through letters and phone calls. Although she tells me she loves me, she also says that if this "friend" comes back and asks her out, she wants to be free to date him.

I told her that most 72-year-olds would be happy to have one man to date, but if she plans on dating someone else, I should be free to do the same. We are affectionate, loving friends, and I care about her a great deal.

Your observations, please.

— Eddie in Maine

**Dear Eddie:** Your statement that if Doreen plans to date someone else, you should be free to do the same seems logical to me. Continue to have an affectionate, loving friendship with her but

keep your options open and date others.

**Dear Abby:** I have a big problem — my father-in-law, "Hal." He has lived with us more than eight years and has never contributed anything toward his keep. This not only caused a rift between my wife and me, but her two siblings.

I wouldn't mind so much, but my wife has to clean up after him, do his laundry and take him to his medical appointments.

What do you suggest?

— Resentful in Idaho

**Dear Resentful:** Enough is enough. You and your wife are long overdue for a meeting with her siblings to discuss this problem. They should have started chipping in to pay for their father's care eight years ago.

**Dear Abby:** My wife, "Audrey," was molested by her step-

grandfather when she was a little girl. She told her mother about it, but because of her age she wasn't taken seriously.

Audrey and I are now talking about starting a family. Abby, I am uncomfortable about bringing children into this family unless everyone understands the reason I will not allow this man to touch our children. The problem is, the information will be devastating to Audrey's grandmother. How do we handle this?

— Taking Care Of My Own in Huntsville, Ala.

**Dear Taking Care:** Will the baby you're planning be the first in the family or has this man had unsupervised contact with others?

Not only should the family be informed about what happened by you and Audrey now that she is "old enough to be believed," but also ask if anyone else may have been victimized.

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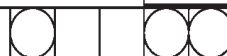
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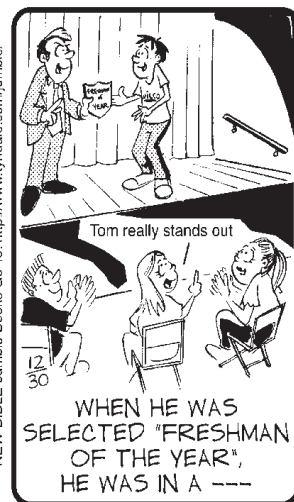


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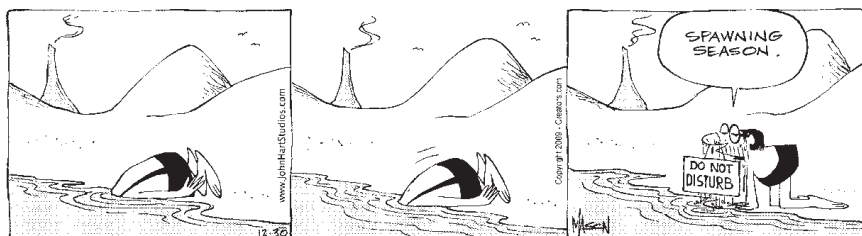


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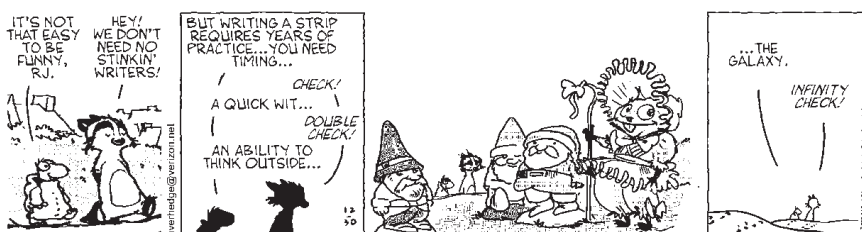
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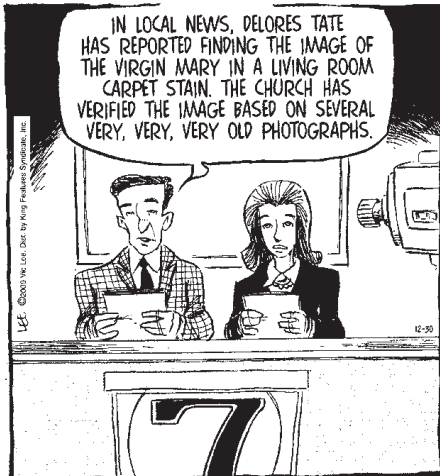
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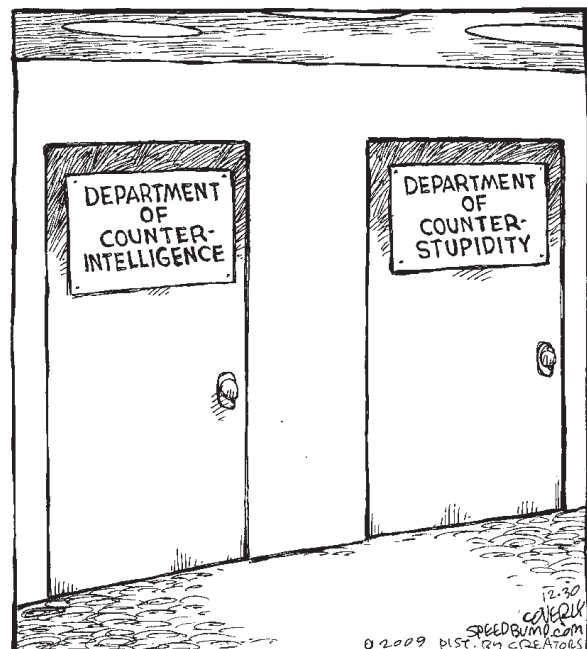
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15:30	World News-Gibson	Planet's Funnest Animals	(3:50) Pokémon	The Rachel Maddow Show	Oprah Winfrey	EXchange on Air	Curb Appeal		
16:00	Sesame Street	(4:40) Zatch Bell	Clint Eastwood, Tommy Lee Jones, Donald Sutherland.			Fit For Duty	MythBusters Two potential kitchen catastrophes.	SportsCenter	
16:30						Battleground			
17:00	The View	The Fairly OddParents	Movie Mob	Around the Services	Wheel of Fortune	Today's Air Force	King of the Hill	Sports	Futurama
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja	At the Movies	Tavis Smiley	Jeopardy!	Recon	That '70s Show		Yo Momma
18:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Dailies	Nightly Business Report	World News-Gibson	Around the Services	Two and a Half Men		The Simpsons
18:30		Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight	Nightline	Around the Services	Downrange	Two and a Half Men		Family Guy
19:00	The Dr. Oz Show	True Jackson, VP	Movie "Disturbia" (2007, Suspense) Shia LaBeouf. A troubled youth suspects his neighbor is a serial killer.	The O'Reilly Factor	NUMB3RS "Disturbed"	Week-Pentagon	Shark Tank		WWE Monday Night RAW
19:30		Naturally, Sadie				FNG Useful benefits.			With Michael Cole and Jerry Lawler.
20:00	Access Hollywood	Kyle XY Kyle joins the school basketball team.		Countdown With Keith Olbermann	48 Hours Mystery "Show Me the Money"	Briefing Encore	Lie to Me Interrogating a former gang leader.		
20:30	The King of Queens					Fit For Duty			
21:00	The Young and the Restless	Friday Night Lights "How Did I Get Here?"	Movie "Deck the Halls" (2006) Danny DeVito, Matthew Broderick. Neighbors clash over decoration glare.	Today	The Jay Leno Show	Battleground	Castle "Home Is Where the Heart Stops"		Bully Beatdown
21:30						Recon Revisited			Bully Beatdown
22:00	General Hospital	Degrassi: TNG		Today	Pacific Report	Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Stand-In"		SportsCenter
22:30		Strange Days			The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Briefing Encore	Friends		
23:00	Days of our Lives	7th Heaven "Wayne's World"	(10:50) Movie "The Brothers" (2001) Morris Chestnut.	America's Newsroom	Late Show W/Letterman	USARJ This Week	Two and a Half Men	Sports	Attack of the Show!
23:30									

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00:00	Oprah Winfrey	True Jackson, VP	(10:50) Movie "The Brothers"	Newsroom	Late Show W/Letterman	The Grill Sergeants	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(11:00) Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
00:30		Naturally, Sadie	(3:35) Movie "Rio Bravo" (1959, Western) John Wayne, Dean Martin, Ricky Nelson. A powerful rancher seeks his brother's release from prison.	MSNBC Live	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Downrange			Futurama
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	Kyle XY Kyle joins the school basketball team.			Judge Judy	This Week in the Pentagon	Top Chef "Holiday Spirit" Another chef is eliminated.		Yo Momma
1:30	Jeopardy!			Happening Now	Hell's Kitchen	Recon	Supernatural "Dead Man's Blood"		The Simpsons
2:00	Headline News	Friday Night Lights "How Did I Get Here?"				Around the Services			Family Guy
2:30	ATS/AFN Report	Degrassi: Next Generation	(10:10) Movie "Disturbia" (2007) Shia LaBeouf, David Morse. A troubled youth suspects his neighbor is a serial killer.	Newsroom	Oprah Winfrey	Downrange	Close to Home "Land of Opportunity"		WWE Monday Night RAW
3:00	NUMB3RS Charlie focuses on tracking down a serial killer.	Strange Days-Blake Holsey				Today's Air Force			With Michael Cole and Jerry Lawler.
3:30						Recon Revisited	Seinfeld "The Stand-In"	Sports	
4:00	48 Hours Mystery "Show Me the Money"	7th Heaven "Wayne's World"		MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil	State Dept Briefing	Friends		Bully Beatdown
4:30						Battleground	Namaste Yoga		Bully Beatdown
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Teletubbies "Balancing"	(10:10) Movie "Deck the Halls" (2006, Comedy) Danny DeVito, Matthew Broderick. Neighbors clash over decoration glare.	Studio B With Shepard Smith	Final Score	Around the Services	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	College Football Live	Hot Stove
5:30		Rolie Polie Olie			Headline News	Army Newswatch	Giada at Home Polo brunch.		
6:00	Headline News	Sesame Street		The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Good Morning America	This Week in the Pentagon	Cooking-Sandra Lee	Jim Rome Is Burning	Attack of the Show!
6:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Bear in the Big Blue House	Movie Mob	Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	Downrange	El News Entertainment news.	Around the Horn	MTV Hits Playlist
7:00						Around the Services	The Daily 10	Pardon the Interruption	
7:30	Late Show With David Letterman	Raggs	At the Movies			Briefing Encore	ER "The War Comes Home"	SportsCenter	
8:00		Dora the Explorer	Hollywood Dailies	Around the Services	Sesame Street	FNG Useful benefits.			
8:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Ni Hao, Kai-lan Compromise.	Entertainment Tonight	NBC Nightly News	The View	Fit For Duty	Army Wives "One of Our Own" Denise is devastated.	Sports	Sports
9:00		The Backyardigans	Movie "Recipe for Revenge" (1998, Crime Drama) Kymberley Huffman, Alex Carter.	World News-Gibson		Around the Services	Private Practice		
9:30	Judge Judy	Curious George Wheel, turtle.		CBS Evening News	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Recon Revisited			
10:00	Hell's Kitchen	Peep-Big World				State Dept Briefing			
10:30		Super Why!	(4:50) Movie "The Lost Battalion" (2001) Rick Schroder. U.S. troops become trapped behind enemy lines in World War I.	Hannity	The Dr. Oz Show	Fit For Duty	Judge Judy		
11:00	Oprah Winfrey	The Backyardigans				AFN Europe Report	Judge Alex		
11:30		The Backyardigans				Recon	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Chasing the Bus"		
12:00	Dr. Phil	Aaron Stone "Hero Rising"	Movie "Erin Brockovich" (2000, Drama) Julia Roberts, Albert Finney, Aaron Eckhart. A woman probes a power company cover-up over poisoned water.	Anderson Cooper 360	Access Hollywood	Fit For Duty	Challenge		
12:30		Aaron Stone "Hero Rising"		Special Report With Bret Baier	The King of Queens	Battleground			
13:00	CBS Evening News	Aaron Stone "First Strike"		Campbell Brown	The Young and the Restless	Around the Services	Emeril Live		
13:30	ESPNEWS	Aaron Stone "Time Out"			General Hospital	Briefing Encore			
14:00	The FOX Report With Shepard Smith	Aaron Stone				Downrange			
14:30		Aaron Stone							
15:00	NBC Nightly News	Amer. Funnest Home Videos	(2:50) Movie "Shallow Hal" (2001, Romance-Comedy) Gwyneth Paltrow, Jack Black, Jason Alexander.	Your World With Neil Cavuto	Days of our Lives	AFN Europe Report	Ground Breakers	SportsCenter	Sports
15:30	World News-Gibson	Planet's Funnest Animals		The Rachel Maddow Show	Oprah Winfrey	Recon	Color Splash		
16:00	Sesame Street	(3:50) Pokémon				Fit For Duty	MythBusters "Crash and Burn"	SportsCenter	
16:30		(4:40) Zatch Bell				Battleground			
17:00	The View	(0:5) The Fairly OddParents	Behind the Scenes "2012"	Around the Services	Wheel of Fortune	The American Veteran	King of the Hill	Sports	Futurama "Jurassic Bark"
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Entertainment Studios.com.	Tavis Smiley	Jeopardy!	Recon Revisited	That '70s Show		Yo Momma
18:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Dailies	Nightly Business Report	World News-Gibson	Around the Services	Two and a Half Men		The Simpsons
18:30		Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight	Nightline	Around the Services	Downrange	Two and a Half Men		Family Guy
19:00	The Dr. Oz Show	The Suite Life on Deck	Movie "Gangs of New York" (2002, Historical Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel Day-Lewis, Cameron Diaz. A man vows vengeance on the gangster who killed his father.	The O'Reilly Factor	American Dad	Ft. Hood on Track	Homeland Security USA		Jesse James Is a Dead Man "Jesse James vs. The Cops"
19:30		Zoey 101 "Bad Girl"			Family Guy Getting married.	Today's Air Force			Run's House
20:00	Access Hollywood	American Dreams "Ticket to Ride"		Countdown With Keith Olbermann	HawthoRNe "Mother's Day"	Briefing Encore	Southern Belles: Louisville Julie wants to settle down.		Harlem Heights
20:30	The King of Queens					Fit For Duty			Making the Band 4
21:00	The Young and the Restless	Friday Night Lights "Pan-therama!"		Today	The Jay Leno Show	Battleground	The Mentalist "Seeing Red"		SportsNation Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
21:30						Recon			
22:00	General Hospital	Degrassi: Next Generation	Movie "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004) Vince Vaughn, Christine Taylor.	Today	Pacific Report	Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Wife"		
22:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey			The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Pacific Report	Friends		
23:00	Days of our Lives	7th Heaven "Paper or Plastic"		America's Newsroom	Late Show W/Letterman	Briefing Encore	Two and a Half Men	Sports	SportsCenter
23:30			Terminator 2: Judgment Day			This Week in the Pentagon	Two and a Half Men		

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00:00	Oprah Winfrey	The Suite Life on Deck	(11:45) Movie "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991, Science Fiction) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton.	Newsroom	Late Show W/Letterman	Tour of Duty	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(11:00) Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
00:30		Zoey 101 "Bad Girl"			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Downrange			Futurama "Jurassic Bark"
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	American Dreams "Ticket to Ride"		MSNBC Live	Judge Judy	EXchange on Air	Cane "One Man Is an Island"		Yo Momma
1:30	Jeopardy!			Happening Now	Hell's Kitchen	Today's Air Force	Ghost Whisperer "This Joint's Haunted"		The Simpsons
2:00	Headline News	Friday Night Lights "Pan-therama!"	(1:15) Movie "Gangs of New York" (2002, Historical Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel Day-Lewis, Cameron Diaz. A man vows vengeance on the gangster who killed his father.			Around the Services			Family Guy
2:30	ATS/AFN Report	Degrassi: Next Generation		Newsroom	Oprah Winfrey	Downrange	Psych		Jesse James Is a Dead Man "Jesse James vs. The Cops"
3:00	American Dad	Strange Days-Blake Holsey				This Week in the Pentagon			
3:30	Family Guy Getting married.								
4:00	HawthoRNe "Mother's Day"	7th Heaven "Paper or Plastic"		MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil	The Grill Sergeants	Seinfeld "The Wife"	Sports	Run's House
4:30						State Dept Briefing	Friends		Harlem Heights
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Teletubbies "Barbecue"	(1:15) Movie "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004)	Studio B With Shepard Smith	Final Score	Battleground	Namaste Yoga		Making the Band 4
5:30		Rolie Polie Olie			Headline News	Around the Services	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	College Football Live	

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Hawaii - 2001 Mercedes Benz C240. Silver. Nice rims. Leather interior. Everything is electric. Sunroof. 6 CD disk changer. Automatic. Well kept. Wonderful car. Selling for \$8,700. OBO. Please reply urgently!!!!!! E-mail Monique.sutton@gmail.com, amy.mil or Monique.sutton@us.army.mil

Atsugi - 1994 Toyota Celica, red 2 door. \$1200 obo. Liability Insurance Expires: August 21, 2011. JCI Insurance Expires: July 24, 2011. Japanese Inspection Due: June 4, 2011. Base Inspection Due: May 27, 2011. Call Simah or Rebecca. Home: 264-7800. Simah Cell 08035880127

Misawa, Japan - For Sale! 2004 Subaru - Black No JCI until September 2011, automatic, 5 disc CD changer, custom lights, partial leather interior. \$3,000. Please call 0178-56-5403 or meganpettit@hotmail.com

Misawa, Japan - For Sale! Loaded: Black '93 Nissan Gloria - \$4000 Payments accepted. JCI July 2011, 19" deep dish Lowenhardt rims 4 12" Kenwood subs, 3 Kenwood amps, 2 Capacitors, Dynamist trunk kit 12" flip down monitor 8" in dash touch screen monitor connected to Windows XP computer with 80gb hard drive, keyboard, external Wi-Fi slot, i tunes, and other common windows programs New brakes and spark plugs. After market shocks, steering wheel, and door speakers winter tires please email nwbatesjw@yahoo.com

### Autos for Sale 141

Sasebo - 1996 Mitsubishi Jeep (J-55). Looks like the old CJ-3B Jeeps with modern drive train. Reliable 2.7 L intercooled Turbo Diesel. Sharp hunter green paint with cream soft top. New 30" BFG Mud Terrains on Crager Rims. 48K on odometer (30K miles). \$7000.00 OBO. email davidhumbrecht@gmail.com for pics or info. Daytime phone 252-2849.

Yokosuka - 2000 Toyota Mark 2 Turbo 1JZ-GTE VVTL 5spd, 19in Work Wheels, Coilover Suspension. HKS Intake, Exhaust, ORC Clutch, Tomei LSD, Tunned computer, Vertex Body Kit and Intercooler. Extras included. Excellent condition in and out. Tags good till mid 2011. \$12,500. 090-8008-2478 Email mikvipw@cox.net.

Yokosuka - 2000 Toyota Nadia, 4-door grey hatchback, 4-cyl automatic 93000km, AM/FM/CD/TV/navigation system, power steering/locks/windows/ mirrors, JCI Apr 2011, reliable, good condition, \$2800 OBO. Ted, 243-7667, 090-6505-0046 e v e n i n g s s s@yahoos.com

Yokosuka - 99 Mercedes Benz CLK-320 Classic, Silver; Fully Loaded; Left Hand Drive; JCI and Base Inspection; Available Now. \$18,000.00 OBO available. Call Old School at 080-5678-0467 or email: blism@yahoo.com

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Yokota, Japan - '00 Mercedes-Benz C200 WG Mileage: 62,000km. Body type: Station Wagon (W202) EG Description: 2.0L Fuel Type: Gas Transmission: 5 Speed AT Drive Train Type: RDW Exterior: Dark Blue Metallic Interior: Gray X Blue Others: 2-front and both side air bag, ABS, ESP, Electronic key w/mobilizer, 17inch AW, LED Turn Signal Mirror Include: Maintenance for First Inspection, Domestic Tax included, Sales Tax included. Asking 499,000 yen. Please email a m a i l d e n i s cookieslifestyle@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1992 Honda Civic Hatchback My wife and I is PCSing soon so this has to go. AT, A/C (needs recharged), PW, PL, power mirrors, I put an alpine stereo and Kenwood speakers in it last year, I also put new tires on it last year and got new JCI this year. The Outside looks good except for a little bit of damage to the passenger side mirror. A passing car hit it when it was driving by, but it's not too bad. This car has been very reliable, great on gas, and has never given us a problem. Asking \$900. Please email gsc\_toy@hotmail.com or call 090-6038-8465

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Subaru Legacy Wagon Dark green 1993 Subaru Wagon with 09,07km, has two sunroofs, A/C & heat, CD, automatic windows/locks. JCI due in Feb 2010. Asking 600 OBO. Contact Mike @ 214-261-6421 or email for additional pictures/info

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Toyota Exiv 4 door 6cylinder under automatic PW PI CD Keyless entry folding rear seats 129500km AC and heat Car runs great no leaks. Outside scratched up a bit. JCI due Feb 2010 will need new tires and starter acts up from time to time other than that everything works great \$350. Asking \$350 Please email a m a i l mxcrcr202000@yahoo.com Dave

### Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - 1997 Toyota Lucida Van Very dependable family vehicle. Automatic w/overdrive, AM/FM CD, TV & Navigation Front pop-up moon roof, rear power sunroof w/moon rack and rear spoiler. Comfortably seat 7 passengers. Front & rear AC. JCI until October 2010. Asking \$2800. Please email jrryam@gmail.com or call 090-6630-9557

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Nissan Avenir AWD Station Wagon for sale w/ sr20 engine. Clean inside and out has 59,000km low miles JCI, inspection is good until June 2011, paid road tax this year everything is up to date. Bi annual tune ups, has normal dings and scratches runs well, new rear tires. After market Kenwood CD player all there is to do is transfer title, asking \$2,000 also willing to trade for a sedan or a 2 door. If you're interested please call 241-2392 Thanks

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Toyota Vitz Description Model Year: 2000 Mileage: 76,000km Body type: 4-Door Hatchback 500 Turbo Automatic Transmission Exterior: Pink Interior: Gray Keyless Entry, New tires March 2009 JCI good through March 2011 Gets Excellent gas mileage! Asking \$2500 Please email skiddoggers@yahoo.com or call 646-957-9391

Yokota, Japan - 2004 Toyota Vozx JCI until Sep 2011 81627 Km (about 50800 Miles) 3 Row seating for 7 and 5 Doors for a s e a s AM/FM/CD/MO/HDD/Navigation Rearview Camera/Tires just replaced In May had a complete check over. JCI expires to ensure its in good working order. JCI just performed in September. (Due Sep 2011) This is a GREAT van that I hate to sell. My loss is a gain for someone else. This is the perfect vehicle for a family that is in need of a reliable vehicle with lots of space. Similar vehicles are selling in the local area for over 1,300,000 yen. Asking \$ 95000 Please Jim 080-6758-9769

Yokota, Japan - 94 Toyota Camry PCS Sale 82,700 kilometers drives like new. Excellent gas mileage can be seen at the lemon lot Call for details. 1-702-946-6078 Roger

Yokota, Japan - 95 Purple Honda Inspire Need to sell b4 31 Dec. Currently on lemon lot. Call for details. JCI expires March 2011. Asking \$1600 OBO. Please email eboni.scott@us.af.mil or call 090-6316-7422

Yokota, Japan - '96 Toyota Current JCI exp Jan 2012 \$2000 Call for details. 2012 Automatic Engine Start (works from 9th floor of tower) 2 Dr Excellent Exterior COLD AC PW PS PL. Call for details. 2012 Automatic Battery/Tires. Runs excellent. Asking \$2000 Call for Test Drive 080-3019-5299/042-553-5496 available Jan. 13TH

### Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - '97 Honda Step-wagon Mileage: 91,800km Body type: VAN EG Description: 2.0L Fuel Type: Gas Transmission: 4 Speed AT (Column Shift) Drive Train Type: 2WD Exterior: Metallic Lavender Interior: Gray Others: P S, PW, For 7 passenger, Non-smoking/Clean car Maintenance for First Inspection, Domestic Transportation, Sales Tax and JCI included. Asking \$229,000 Please email cookieslifestyle@gmail.com or call 090-7440-6346

Yokota, Japan - '98 Nissan Prairie 110K, 4 doors with hatch back. Three row seating. This van runs great and has JCI until June 2011! The rear passenger doors are both sliding and windows are fully functional, CD player. Real clean JCI expires June 2011. Asking \$1700. Please email jbwalt@gmail.com or call 240-845-5317

Yokota, Japan - Mitsubishi FTO Nice car, but I need to purchase a van. JCI until Aug. 2011 asking \$1750 Please email fairlrit@aol.com or call 090-9787-8770

Yokota, Japan - Nissan Gloria Brougham w/VIP Trim Level - Fully loaded. Lots of power-V6 Turbo Automatic-Power switch (choices: normal, power, sport) AM/FM Cassette Tape, CD Changer, TV & Navigation-Front & Rear AC-Rear controls for AC & Entertainment system-Power reclining back seats-Keyless entry with remote-Lowered Suspension-Original Admiration Aero Kit-Silver White HID system-Fog lights-Cornering lights-Wheel-Cruise Control-Exhaust System-18" Deep dish wheels with polish lip Very smooth, but yet powerful smooth drive. Any reasonable offer will be considered. Call me anytime for a test drive. JCI until March 2011. Asking \$3800 OBO. Please email cjahanna@yahoo.com or call 090-6630-9557 Jerry

Zama, Japan - 96 Toyota Estima - good condition, 88,900 KM. JCI expires July 2011. Call 263-7877 or 080-3381-6202

Zama, Japan - 98 Honda Accord. 85,800 KM. JCI expires August 2011. \$800.00 OBO. Call 263-7877 or 080-3381-6202

### Motorcycles 164

Yokota, Japan - 2004 Honda CBR 600RR Some upgrades 2 Brothers Exhaust, White bubble Windscreen By Bruig, Rear fender, Red devil eyes w/ toggle switch not shown new Red Chain Driven Firing Rear and Front sprocket powder black L/R good first bike JCI expires 2010. Asking \$8000 OBO Please email a l l t rony800@yahoo.com

### Motorcycles 164

Yokota, Japan - Out Standing Honda 400 Star 4 Great first time Bike for new riders in Japan. You have to have a 400 CC for the first year anyways. I am willing to upgrade. So I want to sell this one. Runs, outstanding, I have taken it on many weekend drives with no problems. New tires and some small parts. Most of the bike will be given when I show you. I have had it for almost a year now. If interested please contact me. JCI until 2011 asking \$2000. Please email a m a i l cookieslifestyle@gmail.com or call 090-7440-6346

### Motorcycles Wanted165

Yokota, Japan - Want to buy: 400CC Sport bike looking for 400CC sport bike in fair to good condition. Negotiable. Please call 08035380545 Alexander Barnes

### Baby Items 200

Yokota, Japan - Kid-dopotamus Snuzzler Complete Head and Body Support Give Baby properly during car rides with the comfy padding Features an adjustable, detachable head support that adds luxurious comfort to any infant seat. Fits in car seats, strollers, bouncy seats, swings, and joggers. Made of polyester, Machine washable (Never used. Kind of forgot I had it.) Original price: \$20 Asking price: \$15 Please email babyvalerie14@yahoo.com or call 21108814414

Yokota, Japan - Maclaren Quest stroller Charcoal and Pink Maclaren stroller, purchase Spring 2008 for \$225. Lightly used, it has been in storage for the last 6 months and has suffered some dirt build-up as a result. Other than that, it is perfect. Asking \$50 Please email cjaahanna@yahoo.com Jessica

Yokota, Japan - Prince Lion heart Ultimate Wipes Warmer On a chilly winter's morning you don't want to startle poor baby with an ice-cold wipe on his warm little bottom. The Prince Lion heart Ultimate Wipes Warmer keeps the wipes at a comfortable temperature, making changing little ones a bit more pleasant for both of you. The tub is molded with an EPA approved additive to inhibit growth of micro organisms that cause odor and mildew. Keep wipes moist. Ever-fresh pillow insulates wipes, preventing browning. Large tub holds all standard 4x4 inch packs for the Prince Lion heart Ultimate Wipes Warmer. Quick push button action, Auto lid for instant access to pop up wipes (This is slightly used. So you can still use the pillow that keeps the wipes moist. Asking \$20 Please 21108814414 Valerie or email babyvalerie14@yahoo.com

### Baby Items 200

Yokota, Japan - Wooden Baby Crib w/steel bed frame Light grain wood baby crib w/ 3 height adjustments. Years old, but in excellent condition. Mattress is in good condition. Purchased from BX in 2001 Email or call Ken or Grace at 210-881-4373. Asking \$100 OBO

Zama/sha - looking to buy baby items/ baby gear for decent price. Please contact Patricia Wittsell at 267-6329 or email purtoorbaby87@yahoo.com

### Bicycles 220

Atsugi - Cannondale Super V 900 Mountain Bike for sale \$1500. Specialized FS Mountain Bike \$1200. Both bikes are in Outstanding Condition. Leaving Japan 11 Dec so must sale at this low price. Call Tim at 08058963260.

### Books 250

Yokota, Japan - Algebra and trigonometry Third Edition This book's author is Beecher, Penna, and Bittinger. This book is in great condition. If you have any further questions, please let me know. Asking \$80 OBO Please email 090-6701-6316

Yokota, Japan - Bio101 biology: concepts & appl. w/o physiology 7th08\$60: hrm30 human resources management 12th\$70: MGST 18rd \$61: the U.S. stock market, random walk down wall street \$10. Geol 100 \$45 Please email a m a i l rainbow64in954@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Communicating (A social, career and cultural focus) the authors of this book are BARCO, Wolvin, and Wolvin. This book is in like new condition. If you have any further questions, please let me know. Asking \$70 OBO Please email a m a i l mrmomoney2003@msn.com or call 305-537-5241

Yokota, Japan - Introductory to Computers the authors of this book are Alan Evans, Kendall Martin, and Mary Anne Patsy. This book is like new condition. If you have any other questions, please let me know. Thank you and Happy Holidays! Asking \$60 Please email a m a i l mrmomoney2003@msn.com or call 305-537-5241

### Cellular Phones 280

Germany - Cell phone. Sprint HTC Touch Phone \$125.00 Purchased this phone but unable to use it here (no SIM card). I have an AWSOME condition, has everything with it, previous owner had for less than a year and took GREAT care of it. I DO know that it is a tri band n.t.t.p.: /www.w.w.w.t.c.com/www/product/touc-anjanette.arnold@ramstein.af.mil

### Clothing 320

Yokota, Japan - PCS'ing - Canvas Garment Bags - Cedar Panels PCS'ing and have to downsize. A set of 2 they are in excellent condition. I bought them from Bed, Bath, and Beyond 2 - Garment natural color canvas Garment Bags w/ removable Cedar Panels. I used one for storing Winter Coats, & the other for winter/summer season clothing. You can also use it to store suits, dresses, large coats, shirts, pants, organize a closet! I am selling the set of 2 for \$25.00 (I paid \$25 + shipping for just one of them!) If not home, please leave a message. Please call 916-473-4488 Thank you.

Yokota, Japan - real leather WWII bomber jacket real leather replica WWII bomber jacket worn twice, with hood Asking \$150.00 Please call David 09067016316

### Computers 360

Yokota - 1 TB Lacie Ethernet Big Disk Network Hard Drive, model 3011556. Unopened box. \$260.00. Bx price is \$289.99. Please email trutt@yahoo.com

### Furniture 510

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<p>Yokota, Japan - Japanese long wooden entertainment center This item is very nice it's about 7 feet long, 3-4 ft high, has lots of space to put DVD player and video game console, DVD and other things. I have no room for it. Asking \$300 Please email mallani.4@yahoo.com or call 9164734514</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Love Sac -The Big One Black covers on large Love Sac: http://www.lovesac.com/bigone.asp Use as a couch, bed, or extra chair, it is amazingly comfortable! Just flip it over when it starts getting flat. Asking \$400 Please email cjaahanna@yahoo.com Jessica</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Selling King Size bed Declaration Mattress and box spring with frame. Asking 500.00 or best offer Call 080-5015-7399 Asking \$500 Please email lita526@yahoo.com or call 314 735-1005</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Toddler Bed Used for about a year. In good condition Please call 1-612-524-6550 and look for Mike or Jern. 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Asking \$100 OBO Please email notyounme69@msn.com or call 1-623-734-9663</p> <p>Zama - For Sale - Four piece leather sectional sofa, brown. \$500 OBO - Will deliver within Kanto Plain area. 090 3697 0187</p>	<p>Yokosuka, Japan - Conventional oven (small size) - less than 1 year old. Negotiable, \$200 OBO. Contact samuel.oto@gmail.com or 080-4175-4333.</p> <p>Yokosuka, Japan - medium sized refrigerator - less than 1 year old. Negotiable, \$150 OBO. Contact samuel.oto@gmail.com or 080-4175-4333.</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Japanese Sanyo Washer Used twice I am selling this Japanese washer made by Sanyo. It is nearly brand new. I washed two loads of laundry with it since I bought it brand new. I have two washers so I am selling this one because I really don't need it. This is perfect for those of you living off the base and need a washer or for any Japanese person who would like to buy it. I will deliver it to your house as well. This washer is 7.0KG which is larger than most of them you see which are usually 5.0KG. If you would like to buy it please call me and leave a message or email me. Asking \$350 OBO Please email chris.japan03@yahoo.com or call 080-1169-5088 Chris</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - PCS'ing-Honeywell Tower Air Purifier PCS'ING and have to downsize now. White color-Honeywell Tower Quiet Clean Air Purifier w/ Permanent Filter (just vacuum to clean) Filters out smoke, dust, pollen, cat dander, mold spores, and more. For extra air cleaning, there's also an ionizer button that you can turn on. Please call 916-473-4488</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Sunbeam Mixer w 275 watt motor and stand. Asking \$30 Please email 080-1057-7991</p>	<p>Ikego, Japan - 42" Sony Plasma TV, 5.1 Sony sound system, Sony DVD player, Bush Home entertainment center with matching towers. I paid over \$3,800, only asking \$1,300 OBO. Only selling as a bundle. Buyer must pick up. 246-5935 or 08056732478 ask for Dan. 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Or accessory, manual audio control, manual exposure control, many features. Available steady cam for camera as well at an additional price comes with hard case, remote, charger, battery, and 2 brand new tapes. Wireless lavaliere microphone also available Asking \$850 Please email grantefismages.com or call 080-3755-3434</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Entertainment center w/ big screen TV 500bo Please email heavenllycm@yahoo.com or call 6013262447 Celeste</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - iPod Classic 80GB black just received in the mail 3months after ordering from Amazon. So I already went and bought another one. Basically brand new. Few minor scuffs on back silver part: none on screen (has a screen protector). Includes box, earphones (new) and USB cable Also has a hard case (black and red) Asking \$130 Please email issuesweep@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - Kenwood Tower Speakers LS-V710 -3 Way 4 Speaker Setup-180W Peak Input Power-8 ohms Asking \$75.00 OBO. Please call 1-425-999-8508 Michael</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Kenwood Tower Speakers LS-V710 -3 Way 4 Speaker Setup -180W Peak Input Power -8 ohms Asking \$75.00 OBO. Please call 1-425-999-8508 Michael</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Original PlayStation 2 -8MB Memory Card-One Controller Analog-Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas-Power and RCA cords asking \$50 Please call 1-425-999-8508</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Philips 50FFP5332D/37 Widescreen Flat Plasma TV 50" with Pixel Plus 3 HD, Panel resolution 1368 x 768p, Brightness 1200 CD/m, Contrast ratio 10000:1, Aspect ratio 16:9, Viewing angle (horizontal) 160 degree, Viewing angle (vertical) 160 degree (5 0 P P F 5 3 3 2 D 3 7 50FFP5332D/37 50FFP5332 50FFP5332D) TV is in excellent condition! Asking \$ 999.99 OBO Please email matthew.kline@yokota.af.mil or call 080-5013-9877</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - PS2 - Great Condition- last time played was maybe 8 months ago. Has been collecting dust Comes with 2 controllers, priced to go now: \$60 firm Please Email rkjnsingleton@yahoo.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Samsung surround sound this is a 5 disc DVD 5.1 surround sound system with wireless rear speakers. Excellent condition! Asking \$300.00 OBO please email matthew.kline@yokota.af.mil or call 080-5013-9877</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Sharp 22" Digital TV. Model LC-22AD, Analog/Digital/BS/CS tuners, Power cable, Remote control, User's manual No scratches. Like new, asking \$27,000. E-mail, or call Curt at 090-1466-1045. Asking \$ 27,000 Yen. Please email curthunter.2000@yahoo.com</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Sony Wega Trinitron 27" TV is no warranty of course, \$5 yrs old Buyer must pick-up. Asking \$50 Please email medina78@gmail.com or call 8503904299</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Toshiba 42 inch Plasma television (720P). We purchased this TV for \$1200, selling for \$625. 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Besides being cute and cuddly, they are easily housebroken and trained to use a litter box. They can also withstand cold as long as they stay dry. We have had a litter of bunnies. Families in the neighborhood got most of our bunnies but we still have 2 left a gray one, and a white one with a brown racing stripe. Free to a good home. Please email copes@write.com or call 1-801-983-0655 John</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - JKC registered female Jack Russell Puppy. We are not breeders, we bought her for ourselves, but we are unable to keep up with her and our other Jack Russell. She was born 5 Sep 2009, so she is a little more than three months old. Very loving puppy. Comes with large kennel and most accessories needed. Already been to Vet on base and will get her third set of shots next week. We bought off base for \$1200.00. Asking \$400.00 Call Jason or Ann at 901-273-9889 or 080-4085-2423</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - PCS'ing-Italian Greyhound needs a home. (Alt) He is a 3 year old Italian greyhound. He is an affectionate and obedient dog once you instill yourself as the alpha. He loves to show affection, and is really mellow and laid back. It is best that if you have children that he is not roughed up, as Italians are known to be somewhat fragile, and cannot take a lot of weight landing on one of their legs. He is up to date on all shots and is chipped and neutered. He would take well to someone who can have a good walking/restroom break times. Asking \$300 Please call 305-537-5225 or email douglas.krzywdzinski@yokota.af.mil if you have any questions.</p> <p>Yokota, Japan -Urgent Sweet Older Dog Needs Home FREE. Please help is out Yokota! Max is a Scottish terrier mix and has lived at Yokota for almost ten years. He is old and needs a good loving family that will take him out to potty and otherwise he is out of the way. We PSC in a week and he needs someone to help him make the best of his last years ) Please e-mail morgan18@hotmail.com or call 214-261-6346</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - PCS'ing-Mix pup needs a home. (Dante) He is a 2yo mix. He is very loving and affectionate. Has a loving and protective personality. He is great with children, as long as they are not pinchers/fur pullers. He loves to play, and does so without biting or ripping. Loves to play 1-on-1 or fetch. All shots are up to date and had both American/Japanese chips, never been ill or injured. Great dog, but unfortunately cannot take to our next duty station. Asking \$300 Please email douglas.krzywdzinski@yokota.af.mil or call 305-537-5225</p>	<p>Yokota, Japan - PROFORM 560 treadmill practically brand new, just a couple of months old. It comes with a pair of 2 lbs. dumbbells. Asking \$300 OBO Please email smrtm1127@yahoo.com or call 804-229-0534</p> <p>Yokota, Japan - Snowboarding Equipment Complete! 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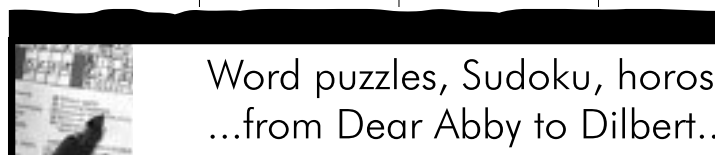
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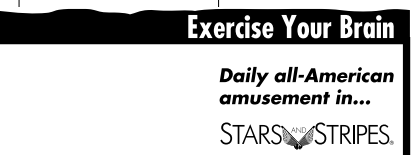
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**AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.**—NBA: L.A. Lakers at Phoenix (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.**—NFL: Minnesota at Chicago (dld).

**Wednesday**  
**AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.**—NFL: Minnesota at Chicago (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 6:30 a.m.**—College football: EagleBank Bowl, UCLA vs. Temple.  
**AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.**—College football: Champs Sports Bowl, Miami vs. Wisconsin.  
**AFN-Xtra, 10 a.m.**—NHL: Chicago at Dallas.  
**AFN-Xtra, 12:30 p.m.**—NBA: Golden State at L.A. Lakers.  
**AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.**—College football: EagleBank Bowl, UCLA vs. Temple (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.**—NFL Replay: Game 1, teams TBD (dld, 90-minute cut-down).  
**AFN-Sports, 11:30 p.m.**—NFL Replay: Game 2, teams TBD (dld, 90-minute cut-down).

**Thursday**  
**AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.**—College football: Champs Sports Bowl, Miami vs. Wisconsin (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 6:30 a.m.**—College football: Humanitarian Bowl, Bowling Green vs. Idaho.  
**AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.**—College basketball: Connecticut at Cincinnati.  
**AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.**—College football: Holiday Bowl, Arkansas vs. Nebraska.  
**AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.**—College basketball: Baylor at Arkansas.  
**AFN-Xtra, 1 p.m.**—NHL: Washington at San Jose (joined in progress).  
**AFN-Sports, 6 p.m.**—College football: Holiday Bowl, Arkansas vs. Nebraska (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.**—NFL Replay: Game 3, teams TBD (dld, 90-minute cut-down).  
**AFN-Sports, 11:30 p.m.**—NFL Replay: Game 4, teams TBD (dld, 90-minute cut-down).

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Skiing

**Women's World Cup GS**  
**Monday**  
**At Lienz, Austria**  
1. Kathrin Hoelzl, Germany, 2 minutes, 16.61 seconds (1:08.17-1:08.44).  
2. Manuela Moelgg, Italy, 2:16.66 (1:09.41-1:07.25).  
3. Tina Barioz, France, 2:16.72 (1:08.69-1:08.03).  
4. Federica Brignone, Italy, 2:16.73 (1:09.41-1:07.32).  
5. Viktoria Rebensburg, Germany, 2:16.80 (1:08.86-1:07.94).  
(tie) Kathrin Zettel, Austria, 2:16.80 (1:09.12-1:07.68).  
7. Eva-Maria Brem, Austria, 2:16.89 (1:08.87-1:08.02).  
8. Tina Maze, Slovenia, 2:16.95 (1:08.70-1:08.25).  
9. Maria Pietilae-Holmner, Sweden, 2:17.32 (1:09.42-1:07.90).  
10. Michaela Kirchgasser, Austria, 2:17.45 (1:08.58-1:08.87).  
11. Anja Paerson, Sweden, 2:17.63 (1:09.45-1:08.18).  
12. Nicole Gius, Italy, 2:17.94 (1:10.19-1:07.75).  
13. Sarah Schleper, United States, 2:17.95 (1:10.22-1:07.73).  
14. Tanja Poutiainen, Finland, 2:18.03 (1:09.13-1:08.90).  
15. Olivia Bertrand, France, 2:18.09 (1:09.87-1:08.22).  
16. Camilla Alfieri, Italy, 2:18.11 (1:09.14-1:08.97).  
17. Denise Karbon, Italy, 2:18.19 (1:09.26-1:08.93).  
18. Tessa Worley, France, 2:18.33 (1:09.29-1:09.04).  
19. Giulia Giansini, Italy, 2:18.54 (1:10.17-1:08.37).  
20. Megan McJames, United States, 2:18.64 (1:11.29-1:07.35).  
**Did Not Finish First Run:** Lindsey Vonn, United States; Maria Riesch, Germany.  
**Did Not Finish Second Run:** Nadia Fanchini, Italy.  
**World Cup GS Standings**  
1. Kathrin Hoelzl, Germany, 281 points.  
2. Kathrin Zettel, Austria, 265.  
3. Tina Maze, Slovenia, 202.  
4. Federica Brignone, Italy, 170.  
5. Maria Pietilae-Holmner, Sweden, 160.  
**Overall World Cup Standings**  
1. Lindsey Vonn, United States, 581 points.  
2. Maria Riesch, Germany, 531.  
3. Kathrin Zettel, Austria, 429.  
4. Anja Paerson, Sweden, 322.  
5. Tina Maze, Slovenia, 310.  
6. Elisabeth Goergl, Austria, 298.  
7. Kathrin Hoelzl, Germany, 296.  
8. Maria Pietilae-Holmner, Sweden, 224.  
9. Emily Brydton, Canada, 195.  
10. Tanja Poutiainen, Finland, 183.

College football

**Bowl schedule**  
**Saturday, Dec. 19**  
**New Mexico Bowl**  
**At Albuquerque**  
Wyoming 35, Fresno State 28, 2OT  
**St. Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl**  
Rutgers 45, UCF 24  
**Sunday, Dec. 20**  
**New Orleans Bowl**  
Middle Tennessee 42, Southern Miss. 32  
**Tuesday, Dec. 22**  
**Las Vegas Bowl**  
BYU 44, Oregon State 20  
**Wednesday, Dec. 23**  
**Poinsettia Bowl**  
**At San Diego**  
Utah 37, California 27  
**Thursday, Dec. 24**  
**Hawaii Bowl**  
**At Honolulu**  
SMU 45, Nevada 10  
**Saturday, Dec. 26**  
**Little Caesars Pizza Bowl**  
**At Detroit**  
Marshall 21, Ohio 17  
**Meineke Bowl**  
**At Charlotte, N.C.**  
Pittsburgh 19, North Carolina 17  
**Emerald Bowl**  
**At San Francisco**  
Southern Cal 24, Boston College 13  
**Sunday, Dec. 27**  
**Music City Bowl**  
**At Nashville, Tenn.**  
Clemson 21, Kentucky 13  
**Monday, Dec. 28**  
**Independence Bowl**  
**At Shreveport, La.**  
Texas A&M (6-6) vs. Georgia (7-5)  
**Tuesday, Dec. 29**  
**EagleBank Bowl**  
**At Washington**  
Temple (9-3) vs. UCLA (6-6)  
**Champs Sports Bowl**  
**At Orlando, Fla.**  
Miami (9-3) vs. Wisconsin (9-3)  
**Wednesday, Dec. 30**  
**Humanitarian Bowl**  
**At Boise**  
Bowling Green (7-5) vs. Idaho (7-5)  
**Holiday Bowl**  
**At San Diego**  
Nebraska (9-4) vs. Arizona (8-4)  
**Thursday, Dec. 31**  
**Armed Forces Bowl**  
**At Fort Worth, Texas**  
Air Force (7-5) vs. Houston (10-3)  
**Sun Bowl**  
**At El Paso, Texas**  
Stanford (8-4) vs. Oklahoma (7-5)  
**Texas Bowl**  
**At Houston**  
Missouri (8-4) vs. Navy (9-4)  
**Insight Bowl**  
**At Tempe, Ariz.**  
Minnesota (6-6) vs. Iowa State (6-6)  
**Chick-fil-A Bowl**  
**At Atlanta**  
Virginia Tech (9-3) vs. Tennessee (7-5)  
**Friday, Jan. 1**  
**Outback Bowl**  
**At Tampa, Fla.**  
Northwestern (8-4) vs. Auburn (7-5)  
**Capital One Bowl**  
**At Orlando, Fla.**  
Penn State (10-2) vs. LSU (9-3)  
**Gator Bowl**  
**At Jacksonville, Fla.**  
Fla. State (6-6) vs. West Virginia (9-3)  
**Rose Bowl**  
**At Pasadena, Calif.**  
Ohio State (10-2) vs. Oregon (10-2)  
**Sugar Bowl**  
**At New Orleans**  
Florida (12-1) vs. Cincinnati (12-0)  
**Saturday, Jan. 2**  
**International Bowl**  
**At Toronto**  
South Florida (7-5) vs. Northern Illinois (7-5)

AP spotlight

**Dec. 30**  
**1956** — The New York Giants win the NFL title with a 47-7 rout of the Chicago Bears.  
**1973** — The Minnesota Vikings beat the Dallas Cowboys 27-10 to win the NFC championship.  
**1973** — The Miami Dolphins, behind 266 yards rushing, beat the Oakland Raiders 27-10 for an unprecedented third straight AFC title.  
**1981** — In the 39th game of the season, Edmonton's Wayne Gretzky scores five goals, including his 50th into an empty net, to lead the Oilers to a 7-5 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers.

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College basketball

**Men's Top 25 fared**  
**Sunday**  
1. Kansas (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Belmont, Tuesday.  
2. Texas (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Gardner-Webb, Tuesday.  
3. Kentucky (13-0) did not play. Next: vs. Hartford, Tuesday.  
4. Purdue (11-0) did not play. Next: at Iowa, Tuesday.  
5. Syracuse (12-0) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Tuesday.  
6. West Virginia (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Marquette, Tuesday.  
7. Duke (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Long Beach State, Tuesday.  
8. Villanova (11-1) did not play. Next: at Cincinnati, Wednesday.  
9. Michigan State (9-3) did not play. Next: vs. Texas-Arlington, Wednesday.  
10. North Carolina (9-3) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers, Monday.  
11. Connecticut (9-2) beat Iona 93-74. Next: at Cincinnati, Wednesday.  
12. Kansas State (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Cleveland State, Tuesday.  
13. New Mexico (12-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Texas Tech, Tuesday.  
14. Georgetown (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Thursday.  
15. Mississippi (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Jacksonville State, Tuesday.  
16. Tennessee (9-2) did not play. Next: at Memphis, Thursday.  
17. Ohio State (10-2) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Thursday.  
18. Florida (8-3) did not play. Next: vs. American U., Monday.  
19. Texas A&M (9-3) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern State, Saturday.  
20. Butler (8-4) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay, Thursday.  
21. Temple (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Bowling Green, Monday.  
22. Washington (9-2) beat San Francisco 86-71. Next: vs. Oregon State, Thursday.  
23. Texas Tech (10-1) did not play. Next: at No. 13 New Mexico, Tuesday.  
24. Clemson (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. South Carolina State, Tuesday.  
25. Gonzaga (8-3) did not play. Next: vs. Eastern Washington, Monday.

**Sunday's men's scores**  
**EAST**  
Baldwin-Wallace 96, Indiana-East 87  
Connecticut 93, Iona 74  
**SOUTH**  
Coastal Carolina 79, Cornell, Iowa 48  
Louisville 79, Radford 53  
Maryland 72, Florida Atlantic 59  
Thomas More 67, Mount Union 64  
**MIDWEST**  
Akron 77, Valparaiso 57  
Marquette 102, Presbyterian 62  
Missouri 94, Austin Peay 79  
Wisconsin 79, Ill.-Chicago 43  
**FAR WEST**  
Loyola Marymount 82, Sacramento St. 78  
UCLA 66, Delaware St. 49  
Washington 86, San Francisco 71

**Sunday's women's scores**  
**SOUTH**  
Maryland 76, Stony Brook 44  
**MIDWEST**  
Minn. Duluth 53, Wis.-Eau Claire 44  
**FAR WEST**  
Gonzaga 96, UC Irvine 57  
Montana St. 82, UC Riverside 74

Boxing

**Fight schedule**  
**Jan. 8**  
At Glendale, Calif., Roman Karmazin vs. Dionisio Miranda, 12, IBF middleweight title eliminator.  
**Jan. 9**  
At Magdeburg, Germany, Edison Miranda vs. Robert Stieglitz, for Miranda's WBO super middleweight title.  
**Jan. 11**  
At Tokyo, Juan Carlos Salgado vs. Takashi Uchiyama, 12, for Salgado's WBA super featherweight title; Poonswat Kratingdaengym vs. Satoshi Hosono, 12, for Kratingdaengym's WBA super bantamweight title.  
**Jan. 15**  
At Laredo, Texas, Fernando Beltran Jr. vs. Tomas Villa, 12, featherweights.

Deals

**Sunday's transactions**  
**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**ATLANTA FALCONS**—Signed president Rich McKay to a five-year contract through June 2015.  
**NEW ORLEANS SAINTS**—Signed CB Greg Fassett from the practice squad. Waived TE Tory Humphrey.  
**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
**COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS**—Placed D Marc Methot on injured reserve. Recalled F Alexandre Picard from Syracuse (AHL).  
**PHILADELPHIA FLYERS**—Recalled D Danny Syvret from Adirondack (AHL) on an emergency basis.  
**PHOENIX COYOTES**—Recalled F Kevin Porter and F Jeff Hoggan from San Antonio (AHL). Placed F Daniel Winnik on injured reserve.  
**COLLEGE**  
**FLORIDA**—Announced football coach Urban Meyer is taking a leave of absence.  
**MISSOURI STATE**—Dismissed sophomore G Cardell McFarland from the men's basketball team for violating team conduct rules.

Baseball

**Remaining free agents**  
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**BALTIMORE (4)** — Chans Baez, rhp; Mark Hendrickson, lhp; Dady Moller; c; Melvin Mora, 3b.  
**BOSTON (4)** — Rocco Baldelli, of; Jason Bay, of; Paul Byrd, rhp; Chris Woodward, 3b.  
**CHICAGO (4)** — Ramon Castro, c; Octavio Dotel, rhp; Jermaine Dye, of; Scott Podsednik, of.  
**CLEVELAND (1)** — Tomo Ohka, rhp.  
**DETROIT (2)** — Aubrey Huff, 1b; Jarrod Washburn, lhp.  
**KANSAS CITY (3)** — Bruce Chen, lhp; Miguel Olivo, c; Jamey Wright, rhp.  
**LOS ANGELES (3)** — Kelvin Escobar, rhp; Vladimir Guerrero, dh; Robb Quinlan, of.  
**MINNESOTA (4)** — Orlando Cabrera, ss; Joe Crede, 3b; Ron Mahay, lhp; Mike Redmond, c.  
**NEW YORK (5)** — Johnny Damon, of; Jerry Hairston Jr., inf-of; Eric Hinske, of; Jose Molina, c; Xavier Nady, of.  
**OAKLAND (4)** — Justin Duchscherrer, rhp; Nomar Garciaparra, dh; Adam Kennedy, 3b; Brett Tomko, rhp.  
**SEATTLE (6)** — Miguel Batista, rhp; Erik Bedard, lhp; Adrian Beltre, 3b; Russell Branyan, 1b; Endy Chavez, of; Mike Sweeney, dh.  
**TAMPA BAY (5)** — Chad Bradford, rhp; Jason Iiringhausen, rhp; Troy Percival, rhp; Brian Shouse, lhp; Russ Sprague, rhp.  
**TEXAS (3)** — Joaquin Benoit, rhp; Hank Blalock, 1b; Marlon Byrd, of.  
**TORONTO (2)** — Rod Barajas, c; Kevin Millar, 1b.  
**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**ARIZONA (5)** — Doug Davis, lhp; Scott Schoeneweis, lhp; Chad Tracy, 1b.  
**ATLANTA (3)** — Garrett Anderson, of; Adam LaRoche, 1b; Greg Norton, 1b.  
**CHICAGO (3)** — Chad Fox, rhp; Kevin Gregg, rhp; Reed Johnson, of.  
**CINCINNATI (1)** — Kip Wells, rhp.  
**COLORADO (8)** — Joe Beimel, lhp; Jose Contreras, rhp; Alan Embree, lhp; Josh Fogg, rhp; Jason Giambi, 1b; Matt Herges, rhp; Juan Rincon, rhp; Yorvit Torrealba, c.  
**FLORIDA (2)** — Kiko Calero, rhp; Brendan Donnelly, rhp.  
**HOUSTON (6)** — Aaron Boone, 1b; Doug Brocail, rhp; Darin Erstad, of; Mike Hampton, lhp; Miguel Tejada, ss; Jose Valverde, rhp.  
**LOS ANGELES (12)** — Brad Ausmus, c; Ronnie Belliard, 2b; Jon Garland, rhp; Orlando Hudson, 2b; Mark Loretta, 3b; Guillermo Mota, rhp; Eric Milton, lhp; Will Ohman, lhp; Vicente Padilla, rhp; Jason Schmidt, rhp; Jim Thome, 1b; Jeff Weaver, rhp.  
**MILWAUKEE (5)** — Frank Catalanotto, of; Braden Loper, rhp; Felipe Lopez, 2b; Corey Patterson, of; David Weathers, rhp.  
**NEW YORK (4)** — Carlos Delgado, 1b; Ramon Martinez, ss; Gary Sheffield, of; Fernando Tatís, 1b.  
**PHILADELPHIA (7)** — Paul Bako, c; Miguel Cairo, 2b; Scott Eyre, lhp; Pedro Martinez, rhp; Brett Myers, rhp; Chan Ho Park, rhp; Matt Stairs, of.  
**ST. LOUIS (8)** — Rick Ankiel, of; Mark De Rosa, 3b; Troy Glaus, 3b; Khalil Greene, ss; Matt Holliday, of; Joel Pineiro, rhp; John Smoltz, rhp; Todd Wellemeyer, rhp.  
**SAN DIEGO (1)** — Brian Giles, of.  
**SAN FRANCISCO (6)** — Rich Aurilia, 1b; Bobby Howry, rhp; Randy Johnson, lhp; Bengie Molina, c; Juan Uribe, 2b; Randy Winn, of.  
**WASHINGTON (5)** — Josh Bard, c; Livan Hernandez, rhp; Austin Kearns, of; Ron Villone, lhp; Dmitri Young, 1b.



## Sports briefs

# Vonn bruised in GS spill

The Associated Press

LIENZ, Austria — Overall champion Lindsey Vonn got a scare Monday when she injured her left arm in a crash during the opening run of a World Cup giant slalom. The United States' top Olympic medal hopeful was afraid she'd broken the arm, but later learned the pain she was feeling was caused by a bruise.

"It's not a classic broken wrist, but a swelling," Dr. Eduard Sporer of the Lienz district hospital said. "She's got a lot of pain now, but if she feels well she could start" in Tuesday's slalom race.

Vonn lost her balance on a bump after a sharp left turn, hitting a gate and losing a ski. Other skiers reported that snow was grippy in that area on a course that otherwise was fast and icy. After staying down for almost 10 minutes and receiving first aid, Vonn put her skis back on and went down the hill with her arm in a sling.

With the Vancouver Olympics looming, U.S. speed coach Alex Hoedlmoser said skipping the slalom might be a good idea.

"It definitely would make sense looking at the bigger picture for her to rest for a couple of days," he said. "But I know Lindsey, and I know she wants to race. It all depends on how painful it is."

Maria Riesch, who is the closest challenger to Vonn in the overall standings, went immediately after the American and was distracted by the crash of her close friend. The German skier missed a gate on the middle section of the partly icy Schlossberg course.

"It's hard to stay focused and keep your concentration during such a break," said Riesch. "But it wasn't the main reason for my mistake. It's more down to my lack of self-confidence in GS at the moment."

Kathrin Hoelzl of Germany won the GS by 0.05 seconds over Manuela Moelgg of Italy. Taina Baroz of France was 0.11 back.

Vonn, the two-time defending overall champion, stayed atop the overall standings with 581 points to Riesch's 531.

In other winter sports news:

■ Andrej Jerman of Slovenia was fastest in Monday's final training session for Tuesday's men's World Cup downhill at Bormio, Italy. American Bode Miller is skipping the race to rest a gimpy ankle.

■ Former Olympic ski jumping champion Matti Nykanen is being investigated for an alleged attack on his wife. Finnish police said Nykanen, 46, allegedly attempted to stab his wife and strangle her with a bath robe belt on Christmas Day.

The four-time Olympic gold medalist was released Monday after charges for attempted manslaughter were dropped. Police said Nykanen could be charged with aggravated assault.

Reports of Nykanen's drinking and violent outbursts have appeared in Finnish media since he retired. In 2004, he was sentenced to two years in prison after stabbing a drinking companion.

## Final proposal made by Arum to Pacquiao camp

LAS VEGAS — Promoter Bob Arum delivered what he said would be his last proposal Sunday to salvage the March 13 fight between Manny Pacquiao and Floyd Mayweather Jr., which has been on life support over a blood testing dispute.

Mayweather's camp had wanted Olympic-level testing conducted by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, but Pacquiao balked at that, suggesting USADA bias.

Under Arum's proposal, the Nevada Athletic Commission would have the final say in how much testing there would be for the fight and when testing would take place.

Preparations for the fight would go forward and there would be three blood tests — none within 30 days of the fight — unless the commission decided otherwise during its mid-January meeting.

"We will go along with what the Nevada commission decides. We will give them a blank check," Arum said. "We want this fight to go forward."

## U.S. tops Swiss in juniors

REGINA, Saskatchewan — Jack Campbell made 22 saves to ensure the United States remained unbeaten in the world junior hockey championship with a 3-0 victory over Switzerland on Sunday. Chris Kreider, Matt Donovan and A.J. Jenks scored for the Americans (2-0), who opened the tournament with an equally impressive 7-3 victory over Slovakia on Saturday.

Benjamin Konz made 46 saves for Switzerland (0-1).

Kreider, a New York Rangers draft pick, was the only player to beat Konz in the first 40 minutes. He deflected in Cam Fowler's point shot on a power play at 5:51 of the second period.

The next game for the United States is Tuesday against Latvia.

In the second Group A game in Saskatoon, Slovakia beat Latvia 8-3 to improve to 1-1. In Group B in Regina, Sweden beat Austria 7-3 and Finland beat the Czech Republic 4-3.

Sami Vatanen scored twice, and Teemu Hartikainen and Joonas Rask added goals for Finland (1-0). The Czechs (0-2) were coming off a 10-1 loss to Sweden on Saturday.

In other hockey news:

■ The Phoenix Coyotes on Sunday recalled forwards Kevin Porter and Jeff Hoggan from their AHL affiliate in San Antonio and put forward Daniel Winnik on the injured list. Winnik received what the team described as an upper body injury during Saturday's game against Los Angeles.

■ The New York Rangers expect to be without forward Vinny Prospal for as much as three weeks while he recovers from arthroscopic knee surgery.

## Eagles lose center Jackson to knee injury

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia Eagles center Jamaal Jackson tore a ligament in his

left knee in Sunday's victory over Denver and will miss the rest of the season.

Jackson made his 71st consecutive start and had been Philadelphia's only offensive player to play every snap until he was hurt in the first half.

In other pro football news:

■ Starting right guard Mike Williams has been ruled out of Washington's season finale at San Diego with a torn muscle in his foot. The team said starting safety Reed Doughty has a high ankle sprain and will likely be doubtful against the Chargers.

■ Injury-riddled and out of the playoff race before December, the Carolina Panthers seemed certain to have their first double-digit loss season under coach John Fox. Instead, they're playing their best football of the season, just in time to perhaps save Fox's job. A day after the Panthers routed the New York Giants 41-9 for their third victory in four games, The Charlotte Observer reported that Fox and general manager Marty Hurney will be "offered the opportunity to return next season."

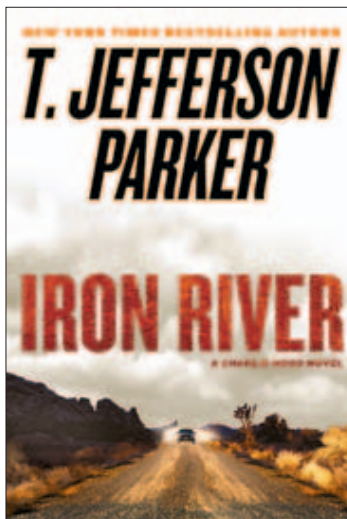
Team spokesman Charlie Dayton said Fox and Hurney are under contract and added that he's heard nothing to indicate they won't return next year.



MARCO TROVATI/AP

Defending overall World Cup champion Lindsey Vonn of the United States has her arm in a sling after crashing in the first run of Monday's giant slalom at Lienz, Austria. Tests revealed that Vonn suffered only a painful bruise.

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## NFL scoreboard

Sunday				
Patriots 35, Jaguars 7				
Jacksonville	0	0	7	-7
New England	7	21	0	7-35

**First Quarter**  
**NE**—Moss 2 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 2:48.

**Second Quarter**  
**NE**—Baker 26 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 14:54.  
**NE**—Morris 1 run (Gostkowski kick), 5:04.

**NE**—Moss 6 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), :45.

**Fourth Quarter**  
**NE**—Moss 17 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 14:54.  
**NE**—Garrard 2 run (Scobee kick), 12:41.  
**A**—68,756.

	Jac	NE
First downs	16	26
Total Net Yards	275	464
Rushes-yards	25-98	36-197
Passing	1-77	2-267
Punt Returns	1-0	1-9
Kickoff Returns	5-119	1-16
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-64
Comp-Att-Int	19-25-2	23-26-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-8	0-0
Punts	4-38.8	1-42.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	1-5	2-10
Time of Possession	27:35	32:25

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**Rushing**—**Jacksonville**, Jones-Drew 18-63, Jennings 2-25, Garrard 4-10, M.Thomas 1-0. **New England**, Morris 12-95, Faulk 6-41, F.Taylor 11-35, Maroney 5-22, Brady 2-4.

**Passing**—**Jacksonville**, Garrard 19-25-2, 185. **New England**, Brady 23-26-0-267.

**Receiving**—**Jacksonville**, M.Thomas 6-57, Jones-Drew 3-35, Jennings 3-19, Holt 2-23, Sims-Walker 2-19, Miller 2-12, Hughes 1-20. **New England**, Welker 13-138, Moss 4-45, Baker 2-32, Edelman 1-28, Watson 1-14, Aiken 1-7, Morris 1-3.

## Panthers 41, Giants 9

Carolina	3	21	0	7-41
N.Y. Giants	0	0	3	6-9

**First Quarter**  
**Car**—FG Kasay 38, :46.

**Second Quarter**  
**Car**—Stewart 29 run (Kasay kick), 10:37.

**Car**—Muhammad 22 pass from M.Moore (Kasay kick), 5:40.

**Car**—King 2 pass from M.Moore (Kasay kick), 2:21.

**Third Quarter**  
**Car**—Smith 27 pass from M.Moore (Kasay kick), 13:00.

**NYG**—FG Tynes 40, 7:44.

**Car**—FG Kasay 27, :43.

**NYG**—Smith 2 pass from Manning (pass failed), 11:59.

**Car**—Hoover 1 run (Kasay kick), 9:41.

**A**—78,809.

	Car	NYG
First downs	25	22
Total Net Yards	416	317
Rushes-yards	46-247	19-60
Passing	169	257
Punt Returns	3-11	0-0
Kickoff Returns	3-69	6-127
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	15-20-0	29-43-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-2	4-39
Punts	2-36.0	3-41.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-2
Penalties-Yards	4-20	4-29
Time of Possession	32:16	27:44

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**Rushing**—**Carolina**, Stewart 28-206, Hoover 9-37, Goodson 5-2, M.Moore 4-2.

**N.Y. Giants**, Bradshaw 11-53, Manning 2-6, Jacobs 6-1.

**Passing**—**Carolina**, M.Moore 15-20-0-171. **N.Y. Giants**, Manning 29-43-2-296.

**Receiving**—**Carolina**, Smith 5-60, Muhammad 3-56, Stewart 2-16, K.Moore 2-12, Goodson 1-13, Hoover 1-2, King 1-2.

**N.Y. Giants**, Smith 7-70, Manningham 6-87, Nicks 6-44, Boss 5-49, Hixon 2-22, Bradshaw 2-3, Hagan 1-21.

## Bengals 17, Chiefs 10

Kansas City	0	3	0	7-10
Cincinnati	0	3	7	7-17

**Second Quarter**  
**Cin**—FG Graham 29, 1:38.

**KC**—FG Succop 30, :05.

**Third Quarter**  
**Cin**—Coles 10 pass from C.Palmer (Graham kick), 9:10.

**Fourth Quarter**  
**KC**—Castille 20 pass from Cassel (Succop kick), 14:52.

**Cin**—Ochocinco 6 pass from C.Palmer (Graham kick), 2:03.

**A**—64,333.

	KC	Cin
First downs	17	17
Total Net Yards	295	274
Rushes-yards	28-123	36-144
Passing	172	130
Punt Returns	1-4	2-22
Kickoff Returns	2-35	3-67
Interceptions Ret.	1-27	2-9
Comp-Att-Int	22-37-2	17-25-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	1-9
Punts	6-47.0	7-41.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-40	6-36
Time of Possession	26:08	33:52

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**Rushing**—**Kansas City**, Charles 24-102, Cassel 3-21, Colquitt 1-0. **Cincinnati**, Benson 29-133, L.Johnson 4-11, C.Palmer 2-2, Ochocinco 1-31 (minus 2).

**Passing**—**Kansas City**, Cassel 22-37-2-180. **Cincinnati**, C.Palmer 17-25-1-139.

**Receiving**—**Kansas City**, Bowe 9-61, Chambers 3-34, Charles 3-22, Wade 2-18, Cox 2-14, Castille 1-20, Pope 1-7.

**O'Connell 1-4. Cincinnati**, Ochocinco 4-31, Coles 3-43, Caldwell 3-22, Leonard 2-12, Benson 2-7, L.Johnson 1-9, Cosby 1-8, Coats 1-7.

**Missed field goals**—**New Orleans**, Hartley 37 (WL).

**Falcons 31, Bills 3**

Buffalo	0	0	3	0-3
Atlanta	7	3	14	7-31

**First Quarter**  
**Atl**—White 42 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 12:48.

**Second Quarter**  
**Atl**—FG Bryant 51, 14:24.

**Third Quarter**  
**Atl**—Booker 12 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 7:33.

**Atl**—Sidbury 11 fumble return (Bryant kick), 6:06.

**Buf**—FG Lindell 42, 1:58.

**Fourth Quarter**  
**Atl**—White 5 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 4:22.

**A**—68,887.

**Buf**

**Atl**

**First downs**

**Total Net Yards**

**Rushes-yards**

**Passing**

**Punt Returns**

**Kickoff Returns**

**Comp-Att-Int**

**Sacked-Yards Lost**

**Punts**

**Fumbles-Lost**

**Penalties-Yards**

**Time of Possession**

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing**—**Atlanta**, Ryan 18-35-0-250.

**Atlanta**, Snelling 15-68, Norwood 13-52, Weems 2-17, Stecker 3-9, Booker 1-7, Mughelli 1-3, Redman 2-1.

**Passing**—**Atlanta**, Ryan 18-35-0-250.

**Receiving**—**Atlanta**, Evans 5-43, Owens 4-39, McIntyre 4-28, Jackson 2-14, Lynch 1-13, Hardy 1-9.

**Atlanta**, White 8-139, Booker 4-57, Jenkins 2-22, Gonzalez 2-17, Norwood 1-9, Snelling 1-6.

**Missed field goals**—**Atlanta**, Bryant 55 (BK).

**Packers 48, Seahawks 10**

Seattle	0	3	0	7-10
Green Bay	14	10	14	10-48

**First Quarter**  
**GB**—Jackson 13 pass from Rodgers (Crosby kick), 6:34.

**GB**—Grant 3 run (Crosby kick), :23.

**Sea**—FG Mare 28, 7:12.

**GB**—Grant 56 run (Crosby kick), 5:36.

**GB**—FG Crosby 29, :00.

**Third Quarter**  
**GB**—Jackson 6 run (Crosby kick), 10:13.

**GB**—Jackson 4 run (Crosby kick), 5:27.

**Fourth Quarter**  
**GB**—FG Crosby 52, 10:48.

**GB**—Green 6 run (Crosby kick), 6:39.

**Sea**—Carlson 16 pass from Hasselbeck (Mare kick), 4:15.

**A**—70,429.

**Sea**

**GB**

**First downs**

**Total Net Yards**

**Rushes-yards**

**Passing**

**Punt Returns**

**Kickoff Returns**

**Comp-Att-Int**

**Sacked-Yards Lost**

**Punts**

**Fumbles-Lost**

**Penalties-Yards**

**Time of Possession**

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing**—**Seattle**, Forsett 14-70, J.Jones 14-39, Hasselbeck 1-6.

**Green Bay**, Green 8-87, Jackson 5-20, Rodgers 1-9, Flynn 2 (minus 2).

**Passing**—**Seattle**, Hasselbeck 19-37, Flynn 4-6-0-36.

**Receiving**—**Seattle**, J.Jones 6-51, Branch 2-53, Houshmandzadeh 1-1, Carlson 2-24, Butler 1-15, Forsett 1-1.

**Green Bay**, Jennings 4-111, Finley 3-80, Driver 3-33, Jackson 3-19, Nelson 1-17, Hall 1-7, J.Jones 1-6.

**Buccaneers 20, Saints 17 (OT)**

Tampa Bay	0	3	0	14	3-20
New Orleans	14	3	0	0	17

**First Quarter**  
**NO**—P.Thomas 8 run (Hartley kick), 6:41.

**NO**—Meachem 30 pass from Brees (Hartley kick), 1:32.

**Second Quarter**  
**NO**—FG Hartley 28, 6:39.

**TB**—FG Barth 34, :00.

**Fourth Quarter**  
**TB**—Williams 23 run (Barth kick), 13:14.

**TB**—Spurlock 77 punt return (Barth kick), 2:25.

**Overtime**  
**TB**—FG Barth 47, 8:06.

**A**—70,021.

**TB**

**NO**

**First downs**

**Total Net Yards**

**Rushes-yards**

**Passing**

**Punt Returns**

**Kickoff Returns**

**Comp-Att-Int**

**Sacked-Yards Lost**

**Punts**

**Fumbles-Lost**

**Penalties-Yards**

**Time of Possession**

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing**—**Tampa Bay**, Williams 24-129, Ward 7-32, Graham 1-8, Freeman 2-7.

**New Orleans**, P.Thomas 6-60, Hamilton 7-21, Bell 7-20, Bush 2-16, Meachem 1-7.

**Passing**—**Tampa Bay**, Freeman 21-31-2-271. **New Orleans**, Brees 32-37-0-258.

**Receiving**—**Tampa Bay**, Bryant 5-52, Winslow 4-76, Graham 4-43, Williams 3-19, Stovall 2-47, Clark 1-15, Clayton 1-10.

**Stevens 1-9. New Orleans**, Colston 8-77, Bush 6-37, Meachem 5-66, Henderson 5-35, D.Thomas 5-25, Hamilton 2-10, Eckel 1-8.

**Missed field goals**—**New Orleans**, Hartley 37 (WL).

**Texans 27, Dolphins 20**

Houston	10	17	0	0-27
Miami	0	3	7	10-20

**First Quarter**  
**Hou**—FG K.Brown 49, 11:47.

**Hou**—A.Johnson 10 pass from Schaub (K.Brown kick), 2:05.

**Second Quarter**  
**Hou**—Jones 44 pass from Schaub (K.Brown kick), 12:41.

**Hou**—Foster 17 run (K.Brown kick), 11:44.

**Hou**—FG K.Brown 22, 4:25.

**Mia**—FG Carpenter 27, :07.

**Mia**—Hilliard 2 run (Carpenter kick), 10:10.

**Fourth Quarter**  
**Mia**—Hilliard 10 pass from Henne (Carpenter kick), 9:25.

**Mia**—FG Carpenter 38, 2:30.

**A**—65,847.

**Hou**

**Mia**

**First downs**

**Total Net Yards**

**Rushes-yards**

**Passing**

**Punt Returns**

**Kickoff Returns**

**Comp-Att-Int**

**Sacked-Yards Lost**

**Punts**

**Fumbles-Lost**

**Penalties-Yards**

**Time of Possession**

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing**—**Houston**, Foster 19-97, Moats 8-23, C.Brown 2-9, Schaub 3 (minus 3).

**Miami**, Williams 10-35, Hilliard 3-12, Henne 1-10, Polite 2-4.

**Passing**—**Houston**, Schaub 20-31-1-286. **Miami**, Henne 35-55-1-322.

**Receiving**—**Houston**, A.Johnson 5-71, Dreessen 4-65, Moats 4-39, Walter 3-21, Jones 2-79, Anderson 1-10.

**C.Brown 1-1. Miami**, Hilliard 9-74, Ginn Jr. 5-82, Bess 4-45, Williams 5-26, Camarillo 3-32, B.Hartline 3-31, Haynos 3-17, Fasano 1-8, Polite 1-7.

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## NFL: WEEK 16

## American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New England	10	5	0	.667	400	251
N.Y. Jets	8	7	0	.533	311	236
Miami	7	8	0	.467	336	360
Buffalo	5	10	0	.333	228	319

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Indianapolis	14	1	0	.933	409	277
Houston	8	7	0	.533	354	306
Jacksonville	7	8	0	.467	273	357
Tennessee	7	8	0	.467	337	389

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Cincinnati	10	5	0	.667	305	254
Baltimore	8	7	0	.533	370	248
Pittsburgh	8	7	0	.533	338	300
Cleveland	4	11	0	.267	222	358

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-San Diego	12	3	0	.800	431	300
Denver	8	7	0	.533	302	280
Oakland	5	10	0	.333	184	358
Kansas City	3	12	0	.200	250	400

## National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Philadelphia	11	4	0	.733	429	313
y-Dallas	10	5	0	.667	337	250
N.Y. Giants	8	7	0	.533	395	383
Washington	4	11	0	.267	246	313

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New Orleans	13	2	0	.867	500	318
Atlanta	8	7	0	.533	343	315
Carolina	7	8	0	.467	292	298
Tampa Bay	3	12	0	.200	234	380

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Minnesota	11	3	0	.786	396	269
y-Green Bay	10	5	0	.667	428	290
Chicago	5	9	0	.357	254	322
Detroit	2	13	0	.133	239	457

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Arizona	10	5	0	.667	368	292
San Francisco	7	8	0	.467	302	275
Seattle	5	10	0	.333	267	373
St. Louis	1	14	0	.067	169	408

x-clinched division  
y-clinched playoff spot

## Friday's game

San Diego 42, Tennessee 17

## Sunday's games

Atlanta 31, Buffalo 3  
Houston 27, Miami 20  
Green Bay 48, Seattle 10  
Carolina 41, N.Y. Giants 9  
Pittsburgh 23, Baltimore 20  
Tampa Bay 20, New Orleans 17, OT  
Cleveland 23, Oakland 9  
Cincinnati 17, Kansas City 10  
New England 35, Jacksonville 7  
San Francisco 20, Detroit 6  
Arizona 31, St. Louis 10  
N.Y. Jets 29, Indianapolis 15  
Philadelphia 30, Denver 27  
Dallas 17, Washington 10

## Monday's game

Minnesota at Chicago  
Chicago at Detroit  
Pittsburgh at Miami  
New England at Houston  
Indianapolis at Buffalo  
San Francisco at St. Louis  
Atlanta at Tampa Bay  
New Orleans at Carolina  
Jacksonville at Cleveland  
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota  
Tennessee at Seattle  
Philadelphia at Dallas  
Washington at San Diego  
Kansas City at Denver  
Baltimore at Oakland  
Green Bay at Arizona  
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets

## Calendar

Jan. 9-10, 2010 — Wild card playoffs.  
Jan. 16-17 — Divisional playoffs.  
Jan. 24 — Conference championships.  
Jan. 31 — Pro Bowl, Miami.  
Feb. 7 — Super Bowl, Miami.  
Feb. 24-March 2 — NFL combine, Indianapolis.  
March 5 — Free agency begins.  
March 21-24 — Annual owners meeting, Orlando, Fla.  
April 22-24 — NFL Draft.

# Colts deal with unfamiliar feeling

## Starters rest as Jets end Indy's 23-game regular-season streak

By CLIFF BRUNT  
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — For the first time as the Indianapolis Colts' head coach, Jim Caldwell answered the postgame questions his opponents had faced all season.

Nobody had opened an NFL coaching career with as many consecutive victories as Caldwell, but Indianapolis' 23-game regular-season winning streak and hopes of becoming the second team to finish a regular season 16-0 ended with a 29-15 loss to the New York Jets on Sunday.

The Colts already had clinched homefield advantage throughout the playoffs, so Caldwell's primary concern was keeping his players healthy. He pulled quarterback Peyton Manning with Indianapolis leading 15-10 in the third quarter, and the Jets took advantage.

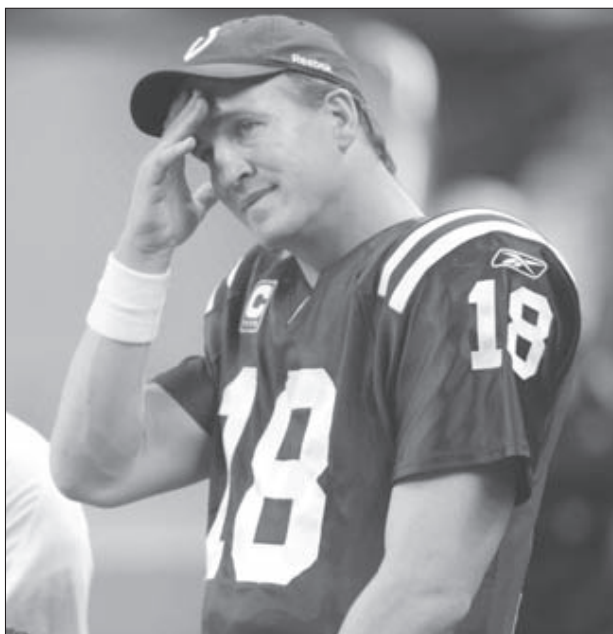
Caldwell was an assistant under Tony Dungy the last time the Colts had lost a regular-season game, on Oct. 27, 2008, at Tennessee. Though the Colts (14-1) are more concerned with winning a Super Bowl than chasing records, they weren't fond of getting reacquainted with losing.

"It's been a long time," Caldwell said. "It's always disappointing when you lose, regardless of the circumstances."

The Colts starters knew they likely wouldn't finish the game, but it didn't make them feel better about the outcome.

"It feels like a loss," Colts center Jeff Saturday said. "I can tell you that I didn't go out there to lose, that's a fact."

The Jets would make the playoffs for the first time since 2006 with a victory next week at home against the AFC North champion Cincinnati Bengals. They said



AJ MAST/AP

Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning rubs his head after being taken out in the second half Sunday. Manning was pulled with the Colts ahead 15-10, but the New York Jets won 29-15.

the fact the Colts benched many of their stars took nothing from their victory.

"They're the No. 1 team in the AFC, and they can make whatever decision they want," Jets receiver Jericho Cotchery said. "But we're not going to apologize for a win."

It looked like the Colts might give themselves a chance to win another tight one, but Brad Smith took the second-half kickoff 106 yards to give the Jets (8-7) a 10-9 lead. It was the longest return in Jets history and tied for the second-longest in NFL history with three others.

The Colts responded with an 81-yard touchdown drive. Donald Brown bounced off two defenders on a 1-yard run to give Indianapolis a 15-10 lead with 10:13 left in the third quarter.

Rookie Curtis Painter stepped in for Manning, and his introduction to NFL regular-season play was swift and cruel. On the first play of his second series, the former Purdue quarterback was hit from behind by linebacker Calvin Pace. Marques Douglas recovered the fumble and scored, and a two-point conversion pass from Mark Sanchez to Dustin Keller made it 18-15.

Painter completed four of 11 passes for 44 yards with an interception. In his six possessions, the Colts netted one first down and committed two turnovers. Manning considered the fact that the Jets entered the game as the league's No. 1 defense in his assessment of Painter's effort.

"We put him in a tough spot," Manning said. "That's a tough defense to go against, multiple looks, multiple schemes, good players. For never having played in an NFL game, that was a tough spot to put him in."

Manning completed 14 of 21 passes for 192 yards and played long enough to join Brett Favre, Dan Marino and John Elway as the only players to pass for 50,000 yards. He appeared to be upset with the coaching staff about being replaced, but clarified the situation afterward.

"I'd be careful analyzing my facial expressions," he said. "I wouldn't do that. I was not surprised. I knew potentially that was part of the plan. There was no head coach-quarterback argument of any sort. I was on the same page with coach Caldwell."

The Jets sealed the victory with two fourth-quarter scores — Jay Feely's 43-yard field goal and Thomas Jones' 1-yard TD run.

They expected the Colts to be competitive with Painter.

"All those guys are capable," linebacker Bart Scott said. "If you are on a roster in the NFL, you are a capable player."

"We don't put losses into our long-term goals," Colts receiver Reggie Wayne said. "We hope we can finish flawless, but we know that's not always the case. It's football. That's how it goes sometimes. Hopefully, we've got the right formula, and we've figured it out, and we're ready to fire on all cylinders for the playoffs."

## Roundup

# Cowboys blank Redskins, set up showdown for NFC East

The Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — The Dallas Cowboys finally have a handle on their December doldrums.

Now it's time to work on January.

The Cowboys returned to the playoffs Sunday night, pitching a 17-0 shutout in their 100th meeting with the Washington Redskins and setting up an NFC East title showdown with the Philadelphia Eagles.

After losing its first two games this month, Dallas recovered to win back-to-back December games for the first time since 2003. The latest victory eliminated the New York Giants from playoff contention.

"I think we showed the De-

cember jinx is not here," said receiver Roy Williams, who caught a touchdown pass in the first quarter. "Last year, we were in the same situation and didn't get it done. 2009's a different year."

But what about 2010? The Cowboys (10-5) haven't won in January since 2000 and haven't won a playoff game since 1996. Next week they will host the Eagles (11-4) in a regular-season finale with the division crown on the line; the loser will have to settle for a wild-card berth.

"I look at Philadelphia as a playoff game," Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones said. "It's so meaningful to us."

Tony Romo completed 25 of 38 passes with a touchdown, and

he had his first interception in five games — a reversal from his turnover sprees of Decembers past. Jason Witten had a career-long 69-yard reception to set up a score, and the defense posted the Cowboys-Redskins rivalry's first shutout since Dallas' 27-0 road victory on Dec. 14, 2003.

Dallas holds a commanding 59-39-2 lead in the 50-year-old series. The Cowboys didn't allow Washington to score a touchdown this year — the other meeting was a 7-6 victory on Nov. 22 — and they played their part in the Redskins' first winless season in NFC East play since 1994.

"I think they've learned to play under pressure, and I think that's important," coach Wade Phillips

said. "It'll come in handy here when we get to the playoffs. But we've got another pressure game next week."

The Redskins (4-11), distracted by more off-the-field news, put on another embarrassing performance against a rival in prime time. After the game, coach Jim Zorn — widely seen as a lame duck — uttered sentences containing the same adjectives, over and over: "frustrating," "hard," "frustrating," "hard," "devastating," "hard," "very hard," "devastating," "very hard" and "awful."

"I want to get to five wins," he finally said. "It seems frivolous, doesn't it?"

**Eagles 30, Broncos 27:** David Akers kicked a 28-yard field goal

with 4 seconds remaining, lifting host Philadelphia to a victory over Denver (8-7).

The Broncos, who won their first six games, no longer control their playoff destiny and are tied with four other teams in the chase for the two AFC wild-card spots.

**Cardinals 31, Rams 10:** At Glendale, Ariz., Kurt Warner threw for 196 of his 313 yards in the second quarter and Arizona (10-5) beat St. Louis (1-14) for the seventh time in a row.

**49ers 20, Lions 6:** Frank Gore scored on a 1-yard run and topped the 1,000-yard mark for the fourth straight year as host San Francisco (7-8) beat Detroit (2-13).



## NBA roundup

# Davis' buzzer-beater stops Celtics' road streak at nine

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — For the first 47½ minutes, Rajon Rondo was quicker, sharper and smoother than Baron Davis.

In the final seconds, the Boston youngster just couldn't match the bearded one's California cool.

Davis hit a long fallaway jumper at the buzzer after Rondo missed two free throws 1.5 seconds earlier as the Los Angeles Clippers dramatically snapped the Celtics' nine-game road winning streak with a 92-90 victory on Sunday.

Davis had 24 points and 13 assists for the Clippers, whose three-game losing streak ended when Davis took an inbound pass with a second left, pivoted and hopped backward for a perfect 22-footer while drawing a little contact from Rondo, giving Los Angeles its only lead of the second half.

Davis knows drama, as he proved during his thrill-filled tenure with the Golden State Warriors before joining the Clippers last season.

"I'm used to taking them and making them," Davis said with a shrug. "I've been in that situation before. Every time I get in that situation, I feel like I can make that shot. You've just got to prepare your mind for it when you go out there to take that shot."

On the verge of a fourth straight loss that would have dropped them a season-worst six games below .500, the Clippers erased an 11-point deficit against the team with the NBA's second-best record and just one loss in its previous 15 games. Los Angeles tied it when Rasual Butler hit a three-pointer off a drive-and-dish pass from Davis with 8.5 seconds left.

Rondo scored 20 points in another impressive offensive game for the Celtics, but his free throw woes — he's hovering near 53 percent for the season — cost the Celtics dearly. After drawing a foul from Davis, his two misses were actually three, including another shot that was waved off in between the two that counted.



JEFF LEWIS/AP

**The Los Angeles Clippers' Baron Davis hits the game-winning shot while being guarded by the Boston Celtics' Rajon Rondo and Ray Allen to defeat the Celtics 92-90 on Sunday night in Los Angeles.**

"I made it tough," Rondo said. "We just didn't execute down the stretch. I felt confidence shooting them. I wasn't antsy or nervous. I took my time and I kept my follow-through up. But the first one was just long, and the second one was long."

**Spurs 95, Knicks 85:** Tony Parker scored 22 points and Manu Ginobili added 17, and the duo made the key plays in the final minutes to power visiting San Antonio.

**Cavaliers 108, Rockets 83:** LeBron James scored 29 points and Mo Williams added 20 as host Cleveland used a flurry of three-pointers and a stifling defense for its ninth victory in 10 games.

James and Williams combined to make five three-pointers in less than three minutes early in the third quarter.

**Raptors 102, Pistons 95:**

Chris Bosh had 25 points and 16 rebounds, and Jarrett Jack scored 17 points as host Toronto extended its winning streak to a season-high four games.

Even with Richard Hamilton, Tayshaun Prince and Ben Gordon back in the lineup, the Pistons couldn't prevent a seventh straight loss.

**Mavericks 104, Nuggets 96:** Drew Gooden scored 19 points and Dirk Nowitzki hit a clutch three-pointer late in the game as Dallas handed Denver its second loss at home this season.

**Heat 114, Pacers 80:** Dwyane Wade scored 25 points in only 28 minutes and Jermaine O'Neal added 19 points on 6-for-7 shooting against his former team as Miami enjoyed its largest victory margin this season.

Michael Beasley scored 16 points for the Heat.

## N'western ranked 1st time since '69

By JIM O'CONNELL

The Associated Press

It usually isn't big news when a team from the Big Ten moves into The Associated Press' college basketball poll. It is when that team is Northwestern.

The Wildcats moved into the poll on Monday at No. 25, their first appearance in the rankings since January 1969, when it was still just a Top 20.

With Kansas again a runaway No. 1, as it has been since the pre-season poll, the top eight teams remained the same for the third straight week.

The Jayhawks (11-0), who beat California 84-69 in their only game last week, received 52 first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel.

Texas (11-0), which beat Michigan State 79-68 last week for its second straight victory over a top 10 team, was No. 1 on 11 ballots and remained second, while Kentucky (13-0) had one first-place vote and was third.

Purdue (11-0) was fourth, followed by Syracuse (12-0), West Virginia (10-0), Duke and Villanova. North Carolina and Connecticut both moved up a spot to round out the top 10.

Northwestern (10-1) has won nine straight games since a loss to Butler.

The Wildcats, the only team from a BCS conference to never play in the NCAA tournament, were ranked for three weeks during the 1968-69 season. They made the poll only two other times: for one week in 1954-55 and seven weeks in 1958-59.

Three other teams moved into the rankings. No. 22 Florida State (11-2) and No. 23 Wisconsin (10-2) were ranked earlier this season. UAB (11-1) moved in at No. 24, the Blazers' first ranking since the final poll of 2005-06.

## NBA scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	23	6	.793	—
Toronto	15	17	.469	9½
New York	11	19	.367	12½
Philadelphia	7	22	.241	16
New Jersey	2	28	.067	21½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	22	8	.733	—
Atlanta	21	8	.724	½
Miami	16	12	.571	5
Charlotte	11	17	.393	10
Washington	10	18	.357	11
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	24	8	.750	—
Milwaukee	12	16	.429	10
Chicago	11	17	.393	11
Detroit	11	19	.367	12
Indiana	9	20	.310	13½

### Western Conference

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	22	9	.710	—
San Antonio	17	11	.607	3½
Houston	18	13	.581	4
New Orleans	13	15	.464	7½
Memphis	13	16	.448	8
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	20	11	.645	—
Portland	20	12	.625	½
Utah	17	13	.567	2½
Oklahoma City	15	14	.517	4
Minnesota	7	24	.226	13
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	24	5	.828	—
Phoenix	19	12	.613	6
Sacramento	13	16	.448	11
L.A. Clippers	13	17	.433	11½
Golden State	8	21	.276	16

### Saturday's games

Dallas 106, Memphis 101  
Atlanta 110, Indiana 98  
Houston 98, New Jersey 93  
Minnesota 101, Washington 89  
Chicago 96, New Orleans 85  
Oklahoma City 98, Charlotte 91  
San Antonio 112, Milwaukee 97  
Utah 97, Philadelphia 76  
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix 103, OT  
Golden State 132, Phoenix 127

### Sunday's games

L.A. Clippers 92, Boston 90  
Dallas 104, Denver 96  
Miami 114, Indiana 80  
Cleveland 108, Houston 83  
San Antonio 95, New York 88  
Toronto 102, Detroit 95  
**Monday's games**  
Milwaukee at Charlotte  
Oklahoma City at New Jersey  
Washington at Memphis  
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix  
Philadelphia at Portland  
Denver at Sacramento  
Boston at Golden State  
**Tuesday's games**  
Cleveland at Atlanta  
Oklahoma City at Washington  
New York at Detroit  
Indiana at Chicago  
Minnesota at San Antonio  
New Orleans at Houston  
Golden State at L.A. Lakers

### Sunday

#### Clippers 92, Celtics 90

**BOSTON** — R.Allen 6-12 0-0 13, Garnett 5-12 2-2 1, Perkins 4-5 1-0 2, Rondo 9-16 2-5 2-1, Allen 4-10 2-10 0, Wallace 4-16 0-0 8, Scalabrine 0-0 0-0 0, G.Davis 3-4 2-2 8, House 4-7 2-2 10, Totals 39-83 11-15 90.  
**L.A. CLIPPERS** — Thornton 1-5 0-0 2, Jordan 3-5 0-4 6, Kaman 12-21 3-3 27, B.Davis 7-11 9-24, Gordon 4-13 6-7 15, Telfair 2-0 0-0 0, Anthony 1-0 0-0 0, Butler 1-1 0-0 2, Butler 3-7 0-0 8, R.Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 3-4 0-0 6, Novak 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-69 18-23 92.

**Boston** 23 25 25 17-90  
**L.A. Clippers** 22 24 23 23-92  
Three-Point Goals—Boston 1-12 (R.Allen 1-3, House 0-1, Rondo 0-2, Wallace 0-6), L.A. Clippers 1-10 (Butler 2-3, B.Davis 1-3, Gordon 1-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 47 (T.Allen 10), L.A. Clippers 40 (Kaman 12). Assists—Boston 21 (Rondo 6), L.A. Clippers 25 (B.Davis 13). Total Fouls—Boston 23, L.A. Clippers 20. Technicals—House, Boston defensive three second. A—19,060 (19,060).

#### Mavericks 104, Nuggets 96

**DALLAS** — Marion 6-13 0-0 12, Nowitzki 6-15 0-0 13, Dampier 3-5 4-5 10, Kidd 2-4 2-2 7, Barea 6-10 0-0 13, Terry 5-12 2-2 13, Howard 5-15 7-10 17, Gooden 8-8 3-7 19. Totals 41-82 18-26 104.  
**DENVER** — Anthony 5-19 6-7 16, Martin 7-16 4-6 18, Nene 4-9 5-5 13, Lawson 6-11 3-16, Afflalo 5-10 1-2 13, Andersen 0-2 1-2 1, Carter 4-10 0-1 8, Smith 3-12 3-3 11. Totals 34-89 23-29 96.

**Dallas** 30 25 28 21-104  
**Denver** 23 29 20 24-96  
Three-Point Goals—Dallas 4-13 (Kidd 1-2, Nowitzki 1-2, Barea 1-2, Terry 1-3, Howard 0-2, Marion 0-2), Denver 5-17 (Afflalo 2-5, Smith 2-6, Lawson 1-2, Martin 0-1, Carter 0-3). Fouled Out—Anthony 2, Rebounds—Dallas 59 (Nowitzki 11), Denver 51 (Anthony 12). Assists—Dallas 25 (Kidd 9), Denver 20 (Anthony, Afflalo, Lawson, Smith 4). Total Fouls—Dallas 19, Denver 26. Technicals—Dallas defensive three second 2. A—19,756 (19,155).

### Calendar

**Jan. 5** — 10-day contracts may be signed.  
**Jan. 10** — Contracts guaranteed for remainder of season.  
**Feb. 15** — All-Star weekend, Dallas.  
**Feb. 18** — Trade deadline, 3 p.m. EST.  
**April 14** — Regular season ends.  
**April 17** — Playoffs begin.  
**April 25** — Early entry deadline.  
**May 18** — Draft lottery.  
**June 3** — NBA Finals begin.



RON SCHWANE/AP

**Cleveland Cavaliers center Zydrunas Ilgauskas makes a pass after grabbing a rebound against the Houston Rockets on Sunday in Cleveland.**

### Heat 114, Pacers 80

**INDIANA** — Dunleavy 1-10 0-0 3, Murphy 5-12 4-8 16, Hibbert 3-5 1-2 7, Watson 0-1 0-0 0, D.Jones 0-3 0-2 0, Ford 2-5 6-8 10, S.Jones 1-5 0-0 2, Rush 3-9 1-2 9, Hansbrough 0-5 10-10 10, Head 4-11 1-4 9, McRoberts 1-3 3-5 5, Price 3-6 2-3 9. Totals 23-75 28-44 80.

**MIAMI** — Richardson 3-7 2-2 8, Beasley 7-13 2-3 16, O'Neal 6-7 7-7 19, Arroyo 4-9 0-0 8, Wade 10-17 5-6 25, Haslem 6-13 1-1 13, Anthony 2-3 2-2 6, Wright 2-7 2-2 6, Chalmers 4-9 0-0 9, Cook 0-3 0-0 0, Magloire 1-2 0-6 2, J.Jones 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 46-93 21-29 114.

**Indiana** 21 23 16 20-80  
**Miami** 34 32 32 26-114  
Three-Point Goals—Indiana 6-22 (Murphy 2-5, Rush 2-6, Price 1-2, Dunleavy 1-5, McRoberts 0-1, Watson 0-1, Head 0-2), Miami 1-11 (Chalmers 1-6, J.Jones 0-1, Cook 0-1, Wright 0-1, Richardson 0-1, Wade 0-1). Rebounds—Indiana 59 (Hansbrough 10), Miami 64 (Richardson 9). Assists—Indiana 12 (Ford 4), Miami 19 (Wade 6). Total Fouls—Indiana 28, Miami 28. Technicals—Magloire. A—19,600 (19,600).

### Cavaliers 108, Rockets 83

**HOUSTON** — Battier 2-5 2-3 7, Scola 4-9 0-0 8, Hayes 0-2 1-2 1, Brooks 7-15 6-6 23, Ariza 2-10 5-8 11, Andersen 2-10 2-4 7, Landry 3-8 5-5 11, Taylor 2-7 0-0 4, Lowry 0-5 2-2 2, Harris 2-3 1-5 5, Cook 1-2 1-2 4. Totals 25-76 25-34 83.

**CLEVELAND** — James 12-20 3-4 29, Hickson 4-10 0-0 8, O'Neal 5-12 3-4 13, M.Williams 7-13 2-2 20, Parker 2-6 0-0 4, Varejao 2-3 0-0 4, Ilgauskas 6-13 0-0 12, West 1-5 5-6 7, Moon 2-4 0-0 4, Gibson 3-0-7, Jackson 0-1 0-0 0, J.Williams 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 44-93 13-16 108.

**Houston** 24 24 15 20-83  
**Cleveland** 24 27 32 25-108  
Three-Point Goals—Houston 8-25 (Brooks 3-6, Ariza 2-5, Cook 1-2, Andersen 1-4, Battier 1-4, Taylor 0-1, Lowry 0-3), Cleveland 7-17 (M.Williams 4-6, James 2-5, Gibson 1-1, Moon 1-1, J.Williams 0-1, Parker 0-3). Fouled Out—Hickson. Rebounds—Houston 54 (Landry 6), Cleveland 58 (O'Neal 11). Assists—Houston 18 (Brooks, Lowry, Battier, Ariza 3), Cleveland 26 (James 6). Total Fouls—Houston 17, Cleveland 22. Technicals—Houston defensive second, West, Cleveland defensive three second. A—20,562 (20,562).

### Spurs 95, Knicks 88

**SAN ANTONIO** — Jefferson 3-6 1-2 8, Duncan 6-11 1-2 13, Blair 4-11 0-0 8, Parker 10-17 3-22, Bogans 0-3 2-2 2, Ginobili 6-14 3-17, McDiess 3-4 0-0 6, G.Hill 5-6 0-0 10, Mason 4-9 0-0 9. Totals 41-81 9-12 95.  
**NEW YORK** — Jeffries 2-10 0-0 4, Gallinari 5-13 8-12 19, Lee 11-13 6-8 28, Duhon 2-9 0-2 4, Chandler 6-12 0-0 12, Harrington 7-13 4-5 19, Hughes 1-3 0-0 2, Bender 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 34-77 18-25 88.

**San Antonio** 21 29 20 25-95  
**New York** 20 27 21 20-88  
Three-Point Goals—San Antonio 4-14 (Ginobili 2-6, Jefferson 1-1, Mason 1-5, Bogans 0-2), New York 2-16 (Harrington 1-4, Gallinari 1-5, Hughes 0-1, Jeffries 0-2, Duhon 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 50 (Blair 10), New York 43 (Lee 10). Assists—San Antonio 23 (Jefferson 4), New York 20 (Duhon 13). Total Fouls—San Antonio 17, New York 15. Technicals—New York defensive three second. A—19,763 (19,763).

### Raptors 102, Pistons 95

**DETROIT** — Jerebko 6-10 0-0 14, Prince 4-8 0-0 9, Wallace 4-6 2-8 10, Stuckey 6-14 2-4 14, Hamilton 6-20 3-3 15, Bynum 1-1 2-4 4, Villanueva 2-7 4-4 8, Gordon 4-15 6-7 15, Wilcox 1-3 4-4 6, Maxwell 0-1 0-0 0, Daye 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-85 23-33 95.

**TORONTO** — Turkoglu 3-8 6-8 14, Bosh 8-14 9-14 25, Bargnani 7-13 2-3 16, Jack 5-9 6-7, DeRozan 2-4 0-0 4, Weems 3-5 0-0 6, Johnson 1-3 0-2 2, Belinelli 1-3 6-7 9, Banks 2-3 3-8 8, Mensah-Bonsu 0-0 0-0 0, Wright 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 33-63 32-44 102.  
**Detroit** 22 19 28 26-95  
**Toronto** 29 31 14 28-102  
Three-Point Goals—Detroit 4-15 (Jerebko 2-3, Prince 1-1, Gordon 1-5, Hamilton 0-3, Villanueva 0-3), Toronto 4-13 (Turkoglu 2-5, Belinelli 1-2, Jack 1-4, Bargnani 0-1, Banks 0-1). Fouled Out—Jerebko, Belinelli. Rebounds—Detroit 56 (Wallace 9), Toronto 47 (Bosh 16). Assists—Detroit 17 (Stuckey 5), Toronto 21 (Turkoglu 6). Total Fouls—Detroit 33, Toronto 32. Technicals—Gordon, Hamilton. A—19,800 (19,800).



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# Story: Woods scandal fifth in AP balloting

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"The impact that that story had made it the story of the year," said Lance Hanlin, sports editor of the Beaufort (S.C.) Gazette and The (Hilton Head) Island Packet. "It was a big, ongoing, overall story."

In fact, the Woods scandal finished fifth in the top story voting. Jimmie Johnson's unprecedented fourth straight NASCAR championship was second, followed by Roger Federer winning his 15th Grand Slam tournament and Brett Favre ending his (second) retirement to lead the Minnesota Vikings to the division title.

This year's balloting was unusual in that a major story — Woods' accident on Nov. 27 and the salacious revelations that followed — happened after voting had started.

By then, 37 of 161 ballots had been submitted by editors of U.S. newspapers which are members of the AP. The voters were asked to rank the top 10 sports stories of the year, with the first-place story getting 10 points, the second-place story receiving nine points, and so on.

Given the extraordinary nature of the Woods story, the AP added it to the top stories ballot Nov. 30 and gave editors who had voted prior to that the chance to submit a new ballot, which about 10 did.

"I think it's transcended sports in general. It's become a national story," said Phil Kaplan, the deputy sports editor of the Knoxville (Tenn.) News Sentinel, who changed his vote to place the Woods' scandal ahead of baseball's drug woes.

"He's such a figure in sports that people are interested," Kaplan added. "People who don't follow sports are following this story."

Nonetheless, the final tally had the steroids story with 800 points to 617 points for Woods' travails. And even if only the votes cast after the Woods' scandal broke were counted, editors still picked the steroid scourge as the year's top story.

Voters who included the Woods saga on their list, however, were more likely to make it their top item: His downfall received 41 first-place votes compared with 27 for the steroids crisis.

Though only one major leaguer tested positive for a performance-enhancing drug in this, the first full year under toughened rules, baseball still finds itself trapped in the clutches of the Steroid Era.

Spring training began with A-Rod, the highest-paid player in the game and one of its biggest stars, admitting that he used banned substances from 2001-2003 while playing for the Texas Rangers. Initially greeted with boos and foam syringes by some fans, the taunts quieted as he and the New

York Yankees steamrolled their way to a 27th World Series title.

But he will forever be linked to Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa — and not only because of their place on baseball's home run list.

In May, Ramirez was suspended for 50 games after baseball obtained records that showed the Los Angeles Dodgers slugger used the female fertility drug HCG, or human chorionic gonadotropin. HCG is popular among steroid users because it can mitigate the side effects of ending a cycle of the drugs.

The summer brought reports that Ortiz and Sosa were on the infamous "list," 104 players who federal prosecutors allege tested positive in baseball's anonymous 2003 survey.

Sosa's inclusion was hardly a surprise. Neither he nor McGwire, the stars of baseball's great home run race in 1998, have ever admitted using performance-enhancing drugs. But people have been suspicious of them for years, and their appearances before a Congressional committee in 2005 did nothing to change that.

Ortiz, though, was considered one of baseball's good guys, his size, smile and cute nickname making him seem more teddy bear than surly slugger.

Ortiz said he may have been careless in buying over-the-counter supplements and vitamins, but he insisted he's never knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs. And because the results of that 2003 survey were supposed to be anonymous and are now under seal, there's no way to know whether Ortiz actually tested positive or, if he did test positive, whether it was for steroids or a substance contained in a supplement.

Miguel Tejada finally 'fessed up to buying HGH — he still says he threw the drugs away — and became the first high-profile player to be convicted of a crime stemming from the steroids mess. He was sentenced to a year of probation after pleading guilty in federal court to misleading Congress about the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

Bonds and Roger Clemens remain in limbo, their legal cases related to performance-enhancing drugs working their way through the system.

Baseball is in a sort of limbo, too, unable to shake the taint of drugs no matter how often it tests its players or how many suspensions it hands out.

"Too bad for him, too bad for baseball. Too bad for both," New York Yankees star Derek Jeter said last summer when the news about Ortiz surfaced. "I'm sad for everyone. Once again, we're sitting here talking about this again."

# Male: Johnson first driver selected

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Johnson received 42 votes from editors of U.S. newspapers which are members of the AP. Tennis star Roger Federer (30 votes) and Olympic sprinter Usain Bolt (29) were the only other athletes with double-digit totals.

Although Tiger Woods was chosen Athlete of the Decade, the golfer received only nine votes for Athlete of the Year. He was tied with NBA star Kobe Bryant and slugger Albert Pujols in fourth place. Woods, who was ranked No. 1 in his sport but failed to win one of golf's majors this season, was never a top contender — even before the sex scandal that unraveled his personal life following a Nov. 27 traffic accident.

For Johnson, the first race car driver to be selected the AP's Athlete of the Year in its 78-year history, the award is the validation he's been waiting for since he began his historic run in 2006.

"We'd been wondering the last few years, 'When is this going to hit?'" he said. "It seems like the answer is now. The wave is finally peaking, and we don't know where it's going to take us. The fourth straight title takes it out of our sport and makes it a point of discussion — like, 'Wow, a race car driver won this thing.'"

The 34-year-old Californian again schooled the competition,

earning four of his seven victories this season when the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship began in September. Two-time champion Tony Stewart dominated the "regular season," but it was Johnson and his No. 48 Hendrick Motorsports team that turned it up when the stakes were highest.

In the 10 Chase races, Johnson finished outside the top 10 only once: when he wrecked at Texas with Sam Hornish Jr. three laps into the eighth race. The crash proved Johnson's mettle, as he sat inside his car, helmet on, for more than an hour as crew chief Chad Knaus led a total rebuild of his Chevrolet so that Johnson could return to the track.

Although the 38th-place finish decimated his cozy lead in the standings, he shrugged off any potential challenge by rolling into Phoenix the next week and leading 238 of 312 laps on his way to a victory that turned the season finale into a low-key Sunday drive for Johnson.

"I'm pretty sure that dude's Superman," said teammate Mark Martin, who finished second in the standings, 141 points behind Johnson.

The march into the record books has attracted attention for Johnson far beyond NASCAR's insulated garage. HBO Sports' award-winning "24/7" program

has tabbed Johnson for a four-episode series that will chronicle his preparation for the 2010 season-opening Daytona 500.

And he received widespread attention earlier this month when he donated \$922,000 in educational grants to 26 schools in California, North Carolina and Oklahoma.

Now comes the AP honor, which Johnson said reinforces what he's always believed — that even though he's a race car driver, he's "100 percent" an athlete.

"I've looked at other sports, particularly baseball, and I've seen plenty of out-of-shape, fat players," said Johnson, who counts among his close friends former NFL player Jason Sehorn, and MLB players Brian and Marcus Giles.

"So to anyone who wants to go head-to-head with me in athletic ability, let's go. I talked a lot with Jason Sehorn about this, and I don't know how exactly you measure athletic ability, but I know my 5-mile run time will destroy most NFL players."

As Johnson boasted of his personal best — 34 minutes, 55 seconds — his wife, Chandra, yelled "Overachiever!" in the background. It's a bit of a joke between the two since Johnson gave a two-year commitment to a New York City-based trainer he calls "the Chad Knaus of the body."

# Female: Tirade doesn't cost Serena

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episode — a tirade directed at a line judge after a foot-fault call near the end of her U.S. Open semifinal loss in September — didn't hurt her standing in the eyes of the voters.

"People realize that I'm a great player, and one moment doesn't define a person's career," Williams told the AP. "And I was right, for the most part: It wasn't right the way I reacted — I never said it was — but I was right about the call."

She also noted that the outburst, which resulted in a record fine and two-year probationary period in Grand Slam tournaments, "got a lot more people excited about tennis."

The 28-year-old American tends to do that, thanks to her powerful, athletic play and outgoing personality.

"We can attribute the strength and the growth of women's tennis a great deal to her," WTA chairman and CEO Stacey Allaster said in a telephone interview. "She is a superstar."

Williams, who is based in Florida, also won the AP award in 2002, a seven-year gap that is the longest between AP Female Athlete of the Year honors since golf's Patty Berg won in 1943 and 1955.

"I'm just happy and blessed to even be playing seven years later. All this is a bonus, really," Williams said. "In 2002, I just was really dominant, and I think in 2009,

I just brought that back. I kind of became that player again."

Indeed she did. Williams finished the year at No. 1 in the WTA rankings. She topped \$6.5 million in prize money, breaking the season tour record by more than \$1 million. She won three significant singles titles — Wimbledon, the Australian Open and the season-ending tour championships — and paired with sister Venus to win three Grand Slam doubles championships.

"An incredible performance," Allaster said. "Her game just continues to improve through this long career she's had."

Williams was 50-12 in singles, an .806 winning percentage that was the highest for any woman who played at least 20 matches in 2009. She tied for the tour lead in singles titles. She led the tour with 381 aces, 75 more than anyone else, and also led in percentages of first-service points won and service games won.

Her two Grand Slam singles titles increased her career total to 11, the most among active women. In the year's other two majors, she lost to the eventual champion: Svetlana Kuznetsova in the French Open, Kim Clijsters in the U.S. Open.

"Serena really peaks for those big moments on big stages," Allaster said.

Zenyatta, the 5-year-old mare who capped her 14-0 career by becoming the first female horse

to win the Breeders' Cup Classic, finished second for the AP honor — with 48 fewer votes than Williams. For context: Last year's AP honoree, WNBA star Candace Parker, edged runner-up Lorena Ochoa by one vote, while two other athletes finished within seven votes of Parker.

Clijsters, who came out of retirement only weeks before winning the U.S. Open, was third this year with 16 votes. Lindsey Vonn, who won her second consecutive overall title in Alpine skiing's World Cup, finished third with 15 votes, followed by Diana Taurasi, the WNBA's MVP, who received 14.

In what was widely considered the best women's tennis match of 2009, Williams was one point from defeat before coming back to beat Beijing Olympics gold medalist Elena Dementieva 6-7 (4), 7-5, 8-6 in the Wimbledon semifinals. The affair lasted 2 hours, 49 minutes — longer than any All England Club women's semifinal or final on record.

Williams hit 20 aces in that victory, then beat her older sister in the final two days later.

The younger Williams also beat her sibling in the season-ending tour championships title match on Nov. 1.

And what does she have planned for 2010?

"My goal is to have a better year than '09 — and to stay healthy," Williams said, "and I think if I can do that, I'll be fine."



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A spectator holds up a sign as New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodríguez warms up in the on-deck circle during Game 5 of the World Series against the Philadelphia Phillies on Nov. 12 in Philadelphia. Steroids' blemish on baseball was voted Story of the Year by members of The Associated Press. Some of the biggest names in baseball, including Rodríguez, Manny Ramírez and David Ortiz, were the latest to be linked to performance-enhancing drugs.

## AP Male Athlete of the Year

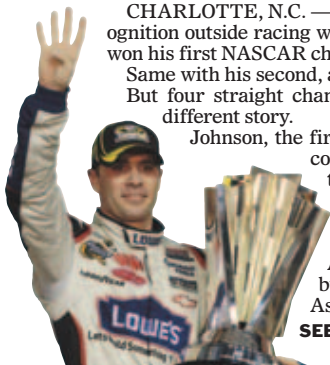
## Jimmie Johnson reached masses with historic title

BY JENNA FRYER  
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — There was little recognition outside racing when Jimmie Johnson won his first NASCAR championship. Same with his second, and with his third. But four straight championships? That's a different story.

Johnson, the first driver to win four consecutive NASCAR titles, earned mainstream recognition when he was honored as the Male Athlete of the Year by members of The Associated Press.

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## AP Story of the Year

## Steroids' shadow eclipsed even Tiger's troubles

BY NANCY ARMOUR  
The Associated Press

Alex Rodríguez joined the list of cheaters this year, and Manny Ramírez and David "Big Papi" Ortiz are forever tainted now, too.

Five years after Major League Baseball added punishments to its testing program, questions about performance-enhancing drugs still swirl around America's favorite pastime. The sport's continuing drug problem was chosen as the Story of the Year by members of The Associated Press, outmuscling even the shocking downfall of Tiger Woods.

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## AP Female Athlete of the Year

## Serena Williams got back to top — by a landslide

BY HOWARD FENDRICH  
The Associated Press

Playing her best in the most important events, Serena Williams re-established herself as the top player in women's tennis in 2009 and was a landslide choice as Female Athlete of the Year by members of The Associated Press.

Williams received 66 of 158 votes cast by editors of U.S. newspapers that are members of the AP. No other candidate got more than 18 votes.

Clearly, Williams' most infamous on-court

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# Clippers stop Celtics' road winning streak

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